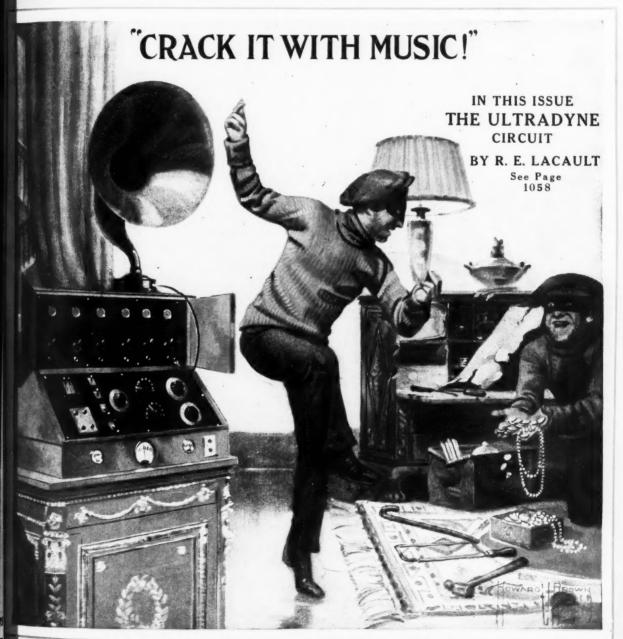
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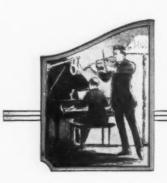
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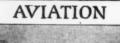
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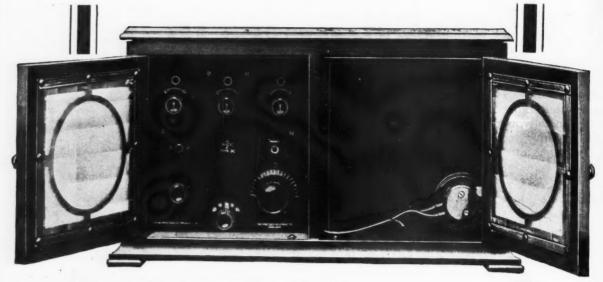
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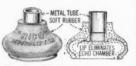


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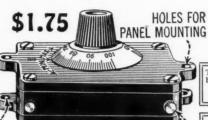
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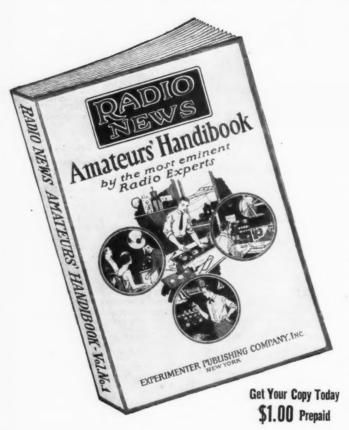
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The Hook-Up Fever

By H. GERNSBACK

E are now in the midst of one of those peculiar outcroppings of radio which is unique in the art. We refer to the hook-up craze, which once more has taken not only this country, but perhaps the entire world, by storm. Not that the hook-up craze is new-it existed when the radio art was still young. The writer remembers that, away back in 1909 and 1910, in his first radio magazine, Modern Electrics, there can be found evidences of a hook-up craze. At that time the vacuum tube was unknown to the general public, and few amateurs and experimenters had ever heard of it. It was still in the laboratory stage; indeed, as the pioneer of the vacuum tube, Dr. Lee DeForest, was still experimenting with it. But we had the coherer, the crystal detector and the electrolytic detector. We had condensers, variable and fixed. We had tuning coils and loose couplers. These started the first hook-up fever. Every radio amateur, even though endowed with but a little originality, had his own pet hook-up.

For those good souls who do not know what we are talking about, let us enlighten them by saying that by a hook-up in radio is meant the wiring that connects the various instruments together. These hook-ups, which really are electrical circuits, follow some well defined laws. In many cases, however, they are no more than mere custom.

Taking an aerial, ground, a crystal detector, a pair of phones and a tuning coil, it is obvious that many combinations of connecting these instruments together are possible. All of them have been tried out. In the end, there may be five or six hook-ups that have been evolved from experiments and which are found to work efficiently. These then become known as standard hook-ups.

But as the art progresses and radio instruments multiply, it will be seen immediately that the combinations of hook-ups that are possible, with even a limited number of radio instruments, become enormous. At the present time, among standard radio instruments may be found vacuum tubes, which themselves fall into two groupsdetector and amplifier tubes. Then we have various transformers such as Radio Frequency and Audio Frequency, the Radio Freqency standing for distance, the Audio Frequency for loudness of the signals received. Then we have phones or loud-talkers; condensers, fixed and variable; rheostats and potentiometers; grid leaks and high resistances; variocouplers and variometers; concentrated inductances such as honeycomb or spider-web coils; and the end is not yet. Taking just these few instruments which we mention, it becomes obvious that several million combinations of hook-ups are possible. It is like taking a stack of cards and trying to figure out all the combinations that are possible while a game is being played. These combinations run into the millions.

In our present day hook-up boom, we might say that we have only scratched the surface. Evidently, all the radio experimenters know this, for they are sitting up through many nights at a stretch, trying out new combinations. Every once in a while some ingenious amateur or research man comes across a hook-up that was not known before and if it be strictly original, not only fame, but fortune, awaits the tireless worker. Armstrong is an instance of this with his regenerative circuit, which is one of the best hook-ups, even

today, and which has not only brought him fame, but \$1,000,000 in cold cash as well.

No wonder then that the whole radio world has gone hook-up mad! Every possible, and impossible, combination has been tried. What does it matter if vacuum tubes are blown out, if the birth of a sacred new hook-up is at stake? Anything and everything is tried and frequently so-called "freak" hook-ups are evolved. The "freak" hook-up, by the way, is one that works well, but does not work along orthodox lines and is, therefore, sneered at by the radio experts—so-called.

Indeed when it comes right down to the finer workings of a hookup there are few people who really know what happens within the circuits. The action of the vacuum tube is so involved that there are but few persons living today who have a correct inside knowledge of the mysterious "glass bottle." But why go so far as that? There is probably no man alive today who knows exactly what happens in a crystal detector.

In the meanwhile, the expert and "inexpert" merrily continue with the hook-up race and every day presents new surprises. One can hardly open a radio magazine, or newspaper containing a radio section, in which a new hook-up is not discussed. To show the trend of the times and how rapidly the hook-ups change, we mention just a few of the more prominent hook-ups. When broadcasting became stylish, there was, first of all, the Armstrong regenerative circuit, which has its many adherents and quite a number of those who do not uphold it. This is particularly true of the single circuit hook-up, which, while excellent, sends out waves into the ether to the great annoyance of other broadcast listeners when tuned by inexperienced persons. Then we had the Reinartz, the super-regenerative, the Reflexes, then the Neutrodyne. Of recent date the Autoplex, and the latest and perhaps the most popular, the Super-Heterodyne circuits came to the fore. These latter are perhaps the most sensitive, so far evolved, because with their use tremendous ranges can be covered, never dreamt of, even a year ago.

While, of course, the hook-up craze is harmless, as well as an exciting sport, which really is most interesting because it sharpens our wits, it presents also the poor sides of the game. We refer to the unscrupulous radio dealers who advertise their own "hook-ups" under some fancy jaw-breaking name. Indeed, there is hardly a radio store today that has not its own pet hook-up. Many of these are unquestionably good, but some irresponsible dealers are getting up hook-ups for the express purpose of moving surplus parts with which they are overstocked. They proceed to evolve a hook-up that contains half a dozen parts which are really not required, are unnecessary, and burden the ultimate victim with a lot of junk which he will promptly discard as soon as he finds out the swindle. consumer should beware of such fancy hook-ups and he should keep in mind that if the particular hook-up were really good, the radio magazines and newspapers would be glad to publish it. Of course, there are stores that advertise hook-ups under special names, but they are really only well known ones with minor changes, and as long as the customer knows what the particular hook-up is, and knows that the brand of merchandise sold him is good, there can be no great harm in this custom.

The First European Radio-Telephone Service

By DR. ALFRED GRADENWITZ

Berlin Correspondent of Radio News

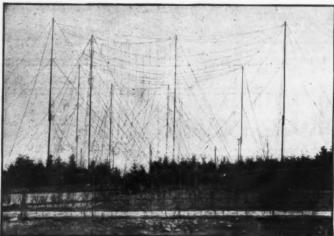


Fig. 1. The Elaborate Transmitting Antenna at the Copenhagen Station.

In the case of the Copenhagen-Bornholm service, a radio telephone station newly erected at Lyngby is used at the Copenhagen end. Figs. 1 and 2 show the antenna masts and the Lorenz-Poulsen transmitter. A loop aerial on a mast 30 feet high is used for receiving. A receiving station has been installed in the Isle southeast of Copenhagen where the distributor has been put into operation.

At the Bornholm end, there is likewise provided a Lorenz-Poulsen transmitter installed at the Hammeren Radio Station while the receiver has been put up near Ronne harbor on the western coast of the island

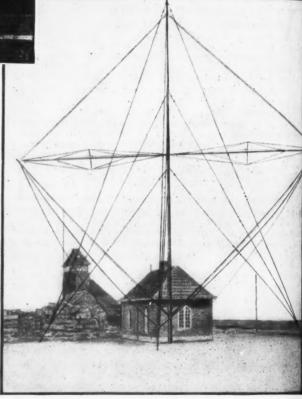
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DUPLEX radio telephone service connecting the Danish capital with the far distant rocky island of Bornholm, which so far has been without any telephone or telegraph connection with the rest of the country, has just been inaugurated. While the most striking feature of this service is a combination of radio with wired telephones, the telephone subscriber at either end does not require any special apparatus or installations, but uses his ordinary telephone. He rings up the telephone exchange and is connected by wireless from the State Telephone with the subscriber on the Isle of Bornholm.

The peculiar difficulties that had to be overcome were mainly due to the low intensity of the currents set up by talking into the microphone. On the other hand, in order to be carried with sufficient acoustic intensity through the telephone line on the island to the subscriber the weak received impulses had to be reinforced. This is achieved by means of up-to-date vacuum tubes.

The main problem to be solved in transferring the electric waves to the telephone line and vice versa is giving duplex service, i.e., simultaneous transmitting and receiving without any mutual interference. The proper distribution of the transmitting and receiving currents is effected by means of a "distributor" built on the Wheatstone bridge principle.

Fig. 3. The 30-ft.
Loop Aerial Used
for Receiving the
Radio Telephone
at the Bornholm
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Permits Continuous Duplex Operation. This
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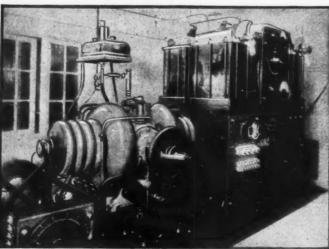


Fig. 2. The Lorenz-Poulsen Arc Transmitter at the Bornholm Plant. to the opening of the new service the apparatus was worked between Copenhagen and Berlin. These tests gave excellent results and were favorably discussed in the daily press, and tests with the American steamer "United States" in which the ship's captain maintained a telephone connection with a subscriber to the Copenhagen telephone system, caused a sensation.

Every subscriber to the Copenhagen telephone system will henceforth be in a position to speak with any Bornholm telephone subscriber.

This is the first regular radio telephone service in Europe. It has been installed by the C. Lorenz firm of Berlin and was inaugurated in the presence of the King of Denmark.

The first radio telephone circuit in the world was established between the coast of California and Santa Catalina Island. This is being used with great success. The telephone centrals at both ends are connected to the duplex radio systems and two way conversation is carried on.

Popular Radio Coming In Austria

By ARMSTRONG PERRY



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At the present time the use of radio transmitters and receivers is prohibited in Austria, but there are several individuals over there who take an unusual interest in broadcasting and reception. Through their efforts, Austria will no doubt break into radio mania in the near future-like the rest of the world.



HE radio amateur is hard to find in Austria because, if found, he usu-ally gets "pinched." The government, nominally social-democratic, is neither when it comes to radio. Everything is so unsettled and uncertain in the dismembered country that they even have two sets of policemen in Vienna, one to watch the other.

But if the radio amateurs have learned to play one party against the other in such a way as to give radio a chance, they are keeping still about it. A millionaire, a baroness and a professor all told me that they knew where there were private stations in operation. But they were not giving out names or addresses.

The Austrian who wants to play with radio without being in danger of going to jail must become a government official, attend a government school, or join the Army. There is no Navy radio, for Austria's only seacoast was handed over by the treaty of Versailles to Italy. Among other things, she lost all but three of her radio stations, as a

result of the war.

The United States is using one of the remaining radio stations, the one at Laarburg, near Vienna. Early in June this was handgovernment traffic via Constantinople and Paris. The chief operator's name was, of course, Sweeney. At about the same time it was reported that the Marconi Company had bought the Laarburg station and would put on a program of broadcasting. Since the government prohibits private radio re-ceivers, it seemed obvious that the Marconi Company must be planning either to broadcast for the benefit of listeners in Switzerland, Belgium, England, France and Holland, who would have to be DX fiends if they picked up the broadcasts at such distances,

else to change the government. At the Marconi headquarters in London they were entirely willing to give the public the whole truth, which was that at the pres-



Dr. Max Reithoffer (Left), Austria's Outstanding Radio Expert, and I. E. Wolf, Who Assists Him at the Technical Institute in Vienna. The Tube in the Doctor's Right Hand is a Detector and Sells for Fifty Cents in Austria!

ent stage of negotiations there was nothing to say. Later they announced that they had secured the monopoly of international radio Later they announced that they had communication in Austria.

The real center of radio interest, both amateur and otherwise, in Vienna, is evidently Das Elektrotechnische Institut der K.

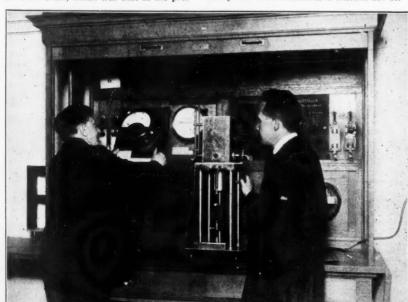
K. Technischen Hochschule in Vienna. I went there and was most cordially received by Dr. Max Reithoffer, Professor der Elektrotechnik, and by his assistant, Ingenieur Emil Wolf.

Dr. Reithoffer spoke German, Mr. Wolf French, and I English, so we had not the slightest difficulty in understanding that when the eight-foot loop was turned toward Berlin it brought in the stock market reports more distinctly. At times, while we were testing out the six-stage amplifier (yes, four of radio and two of audio) and discussing the prices of tubes and phones and other things we worked ourselves up into a sort of feast of pentecost, in which, though each spoke in his own tongue, all understood. At other times, when I wanted to be sure of my ground, I accepted the services of the interpreter furnished me by J. F. Ziegler, the biggest meat packer and best sport in Austria.

DOUBT AS TO WHEN AUSTRIA WILL HAVE BROADCASTING

Neither Dr. Reithoffer nor Mr. Wolf could tell when or how the broadcasting of concerts, lectures and other programs such as we have in America would begin in Austria. There had been some broadcasting, experimentally, they said, looking around guardedly at their own transmitting outfit. "Did any government official hear?" I

"No, they never listen," was the reply. About one thing they were perfectly sure: When the broadcasting era does arrive, as of course it must, the Electrotechnical Institute will be in the forefront of the movement. Dr. Reithoffer is at the head of it and he is fully awake to the benefits that the country (Continued on page 1126)



Dr. Max Reithoffer, and I. E. Wolf, His Assistant, Operating a Poulsen Arc at the Government Radio Institute.

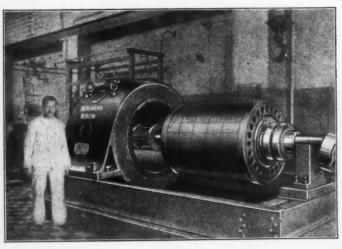
The Star Antenna of Eilvese

By DR. ALBERT NEUBURGER



A very interesting description of the transmitting station at Eilvese, Germany, which at the present time handles most of the commercial traffic for the United States.





A Disassembled Goldschmidt High Frequency Alternator Showing the Construction of the Rotor. Note the Size of the Machine Compared to the Man.

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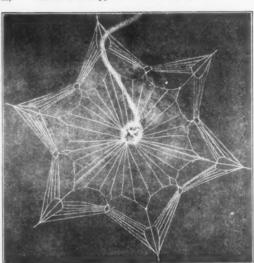
HE curious star shown in the accompanying figure might easily be taken for the photograph of a "radiolaria," a kind of animalcule living in

water which, as is well known, sometimes has the construction of a star. This star, however, has nothing to do with water and is no living thing. It is a model of the great antenna of Eilvese, one of the two great German radio stations which maintain service with the United States.

Eilvese lies on an island of amidst the great fens of the Luneburgmoors, very much out of the way of regular traffic. But its situation is a very good one for the purposes of the radio service, as its distance from Berlin, Hamburg and Bremen and from the great industrial cities of the Rhine is nearly the From all sides telegrams can easily be given to Eilvese by cable and telegraph. Not all the cables which are to serve Eilvese are completed as yet. The connections with the great "Transradio" station in Berlin are not complete yet, so present messages are routed through the city of Hagen, north of Eilvese, while Berlin is situated to the southeast. Notwithstanding these difficulties, Filvese is now sending one-half of all the telegrams transmitted from Germany and other parts of Europe to the United States.

The antenna has, as shown by the star, the form of a double cone umbrella. The main has a height of 825 feet and is surrounded by six smaller masts, each of which is 390 feet high, and stand a distance of 1,500 feet from the main mast. The antenna itself is composed of an umbrella and a second cone or ring arranged around it. Both antennae are isolated from each other and each has its own connection with the station. idea of this arrangement is to gain duplex operation on different wave-lengths. umbrella antenna works on a wave of 9,700 meters and the ring antenna on a wave of 14,600 meters. In the first case the antenna current is 180 amperes and in the second case 250 amperes. It is possible to switch both antennae together and use all available high frequency energy. With this arrangement the antenna current is 450 amperes at a wave-length of 14,600 meters.

Current is supplied from a nearby water



Bird's-Eye View of the Star Antenna at Eilvese. The Transmitting Station Can Be Seen in the Direct Center.

Interior View of the Power Plant at the Eilvese Station, Showing the Goldschmidt High-Frequency Alternators.

power plant. This current is delivered at a potential of 4,000 volts and runs a three-phase motor which turns the two 440-volt, 1,000-ampere and 220-volt, 440-ampere continuous current generators. The 220-volt generator serves as an exciter for the high frequency machines while the 440-volt generator provides current for turning the two 165 and 184-K.W. motors which are always directly coupled with one of the two Goldschmidt high frequency alternators. These machines run at 3,000 r.p.m.

An automatic speed regulator equalizes the variations in both alternators within 2 per cent. The American stations which work with Eilvese are delighted by the improvements in transmission which have been gained by this automatic regulation of speed.

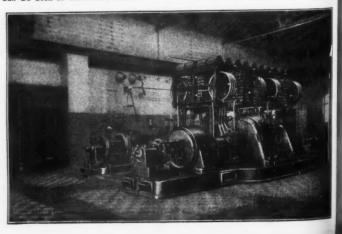
At present, Eilvese is the only German station communicating directly with the United States. The receiving station is situated at Geltow, near Potsdam. If there should be disturbances at Geltow, or if its installation should be overloaded, Eilvest would instantly take up the receiving service with America.

ADDITIONAL RADIO ROUTES

High-power radio stations are in process of construction in the Netherlands, Sweden, Poland and Italy, and when completed direct radio service will be established from New York to commercial centers of those countries. Austria, Spain, Denmark, Portugal

Austria, Spain, Denmark, Portugal and Russia are each engaged in surveys for the establishment of high power, radio stations for inter-continental work, and all of these additional circuits should be in operation by the summer of 1925.

In the Far East an American company is proceeding with the erection of a radio station in China, designed to communicate with the stations of the Radio Corporation of America in Hawaii and California. Another American company plans a radio circuit between the countries of the Orient and Alaska and Seattle. A high-power station of the Dutch Government is now in operation at Malbar, Java, communicating with the United States naval radio station at Cavite, but this East Indian station will probably establish a circuit direct to the United States or via Hawaii



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Getting the Right Radio Wave

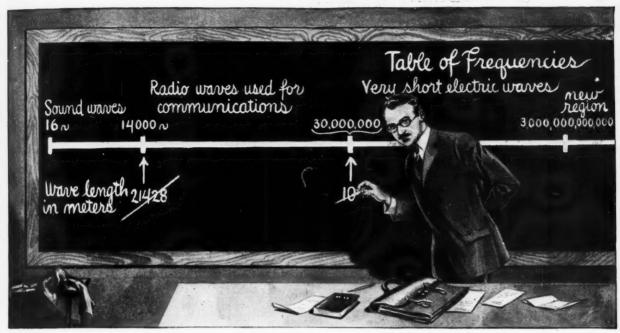
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One of the great problems of the Radio listener is understanding the principles upon which selectivity is based. In this article, which was delivered by the author through station WEAF of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., the frequencies of radio waves are compared to those of the piano cords and this analogy makes the subject easier to understand.





The Measurement of Waves in Meters Has Only Been Applied to Radio Waves. The Logical Measurement or Designation Should Be in Cycles, or the Frequency of the Current Which Has Always Been Used in the Commercial Electrical Field. In the Future, Radio Waves Are to be Designated by Their Frequency, Not Their Wave-Length in Meters.

THE broadcasting radio wave frequencies run from 550 kilocycles to 1,350 kilocycles, in steps of 10 kilocycles, so giving us about 80 different waves that are 10 kilocycles apart. The frequencies of the corresponding piano keys run from about 550 cycles to about 1,350 cycles per second, but there are only 17 piano keys in this range. Of course, the musical notes have frequencies that are only one-thousandth as great as those of the radio stations that we are discussing, and so the sound frequencies are measured by the number of cycles or vibrations per second, whereas the radio frequencies are measured in kilocycles or thousands of vibrations per second. Since the relative frequencies are the same, the piano is useful to give us some idea of the rather limited range of frequencies into which 80 different broadcasting waves must be crowded.

The same plan may be used to illustrate the relative position of the broadcasting waves in the full scale of frequencies that includes all the different kinds of radio services.

Useful radio frequencies extend from a low value of about 15 kilocycles all the way up to 5,000 kilocycles, or higher. The lowest note on the piano, 27 cycles, is musically in the same position on the sound scale as the great trans-Atlantic radio station WRT, at Bound Brook, N. J., is on the radio scale. This station sends out waves of about 27-kilocycle frequency. The second C, as one goes up the scale, has a frequency of 64 cycles; a wave of about 64 kilocycles is used by the long distance overland radio station KWT at Palo Alto, Cal. A sharp, immediately above, is of about 113 cycles, which corresponds to the NAA or Arlington station's time signal wave of 113 kilocycles.

The common ship wave of 500 kilocycles might be represented by the C above middle C, and the class "B" broadcasting range, from 550 to 1,000 kilocycles, by the notes from C sharp to the next B. The 833 kilocycles used by class "C" broadcasters would lie near the middle of this group, relatively about at A sharp. The low-powered broadcasters extend up to 1,350 kilocycles, or proportionately to the third F above middle C on the piano. Then come amateurs and experimental workers from 1,500 kilocycles (the next G on the scale) on up the keyboard

THE RADIO "SCALE"

Thus radio waves cover a scale of their own with frequencies 1,000 times as high as the note frequencies of the piano. This scale is about eight octaves long. Broadcasting stations use a little over one octave of it. The wave-frequency of any radio station is definitely characteristic of the station just as the frequency or pitch is characteristic of a musical note.

Of course, we cannot hear the radio waves directly as simple sounds because their frequencies are too high. Moreover, radio waves are electro-magnetic vibrations which cannot affect our ears directly, whereas sound waves are mechanical vibrations and can affect our ears directly. But we can use the inaudible radio waves to carry sounds, and I will tell later more about how that is done.

The comparison that we have just made between radio frequencies and piano frequencies is useful in more ways than one. For instance, let us think about the problem of selecting a single frequency from all the others. Of course, our ears can recognize the difference in sound between any two adjacent notes on the piano keyboard. When

the two notes are played with equal loudness the only difference between them is one of pitch or frequency. Since we can easily tell the sounds apart, it is evident that our ears are to some extent able to discriminate between sounds of different frequency. This ability is called a sense of pitch, and some people have a good deal better pitch-sense than others.

Now let us consider another kind of ear, a sort of electrical ear; that is to say, a radio receiving set. We can imagine that any radio receiver listens to and "hears" radio waves much as we listen to sound waves. Radio waves of different frequencies would then seem of different pitches to any radio receiver, just as sounds of different frequencies have different pitches to our ears.

Radio receivers are something like human ears in other ways, too. For one thing, they vary widely in what might be called their "sense of pitch." Some unfortunate people can't tell one musical note from another of different frequency; their sense of pitch is defective. Some radio receiving sets, unfortunately, can't distinguish one radio wave from another of different frequency. Their "sense of pitch," or, in radio terms, their selectivity, is defective. On the other hand, many musically trained people can easily distinguish between notes that are much less than a half tone apart in frequency. So, too, any well constructed radio receiving set can distinguish between radio waves that are only a few kilocycles apart in frequency.

SELECTIVITY DESIRABLE

Distinguishing between radio waves is not all that a radio receiving set ought to do, however. We want our receivers not only to show some difference in the effects produced by waves of different frequencies, but (Continued on page 1148)

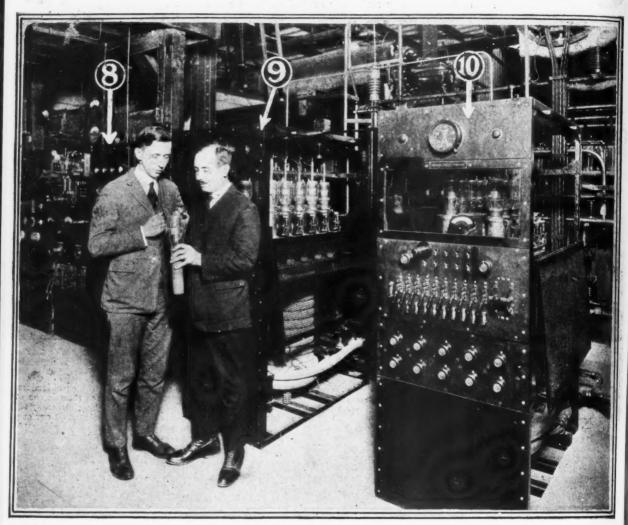
*Author of "The Outline of Radio".

Engineering Trans-Atlantic Radio Telephony



For about a year, tests have been carried on between New York and London to ascertain the practicability of Trans-Atlantic Radio Telephony. So far they have proved successful and we may expect some day to talk from our Homes or offices to friends abroad with the same ease that we can now speak over the telephone to persons in another city.





The Powerful Amplifiers Installed at the Long Island Station and Used in the Tests with England. 20-K.W. Water-Cooled Vacuum Tubes Are Employed in the Power Amplifiers, Delivering 150 K.W. of Energy. Fig. 8 is the 15-K.W. Amplifier; 9 is the 150-K.W. Amplifier; and 10 is the Rectifier Producing the High Tension D.C. for the Plates.

HE idea of being able to talk to friends in Europe or on a steamship in the Atlantic from any telephone in America is certainly fascinating. Such a service, based upon developments in radio telephony, is possible, and tentative plans are being investigated by the telephone interests of America and Europe. In order that such a service be comparable with the high standards set by the long distance telephone lines on land, every effort is being made to solve the many problems involved.

It was eight years ago that the human voice was first carried across the Atlantic, and it was nearly a year ago when officials of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company talked from New York, continuously, throughout a period of three hours, to an assembly of prominent people in London. The first transmission of the human voice across the Atlantic, like that of last January, was accomplished by engineers of the American Telephone and Telegraph Com-

pany and the Western Electric Company. Using the antenna of the Naval Radio station at Arlington, Virginia, they sent out short messages which were heard not only at Paris but also 5000 miles to the westward in Honolulu. These experiments were of great significance for, in addition to proving the possibility of trans-Atlantic telephony, they showed that the vacuum tube can be used both to develop high power at high frequencies and to control hundreds of horse-power by the infinitesimal power of the voice.

The American telephone wire system already ties every city and hamlet of the country together and has been extended to Canada and Mexico and the Islands of Cuba and Catalina. The next great step will be a radio link connecting the wired telephones of this country with those of Europe. The importance of such an extension to the diplomatic service and business of this country can hardly be overestimated, for it will enable the quick exchange of ideas and a sat-

isfactory solution of problems which now require days. When the President of the United States can talk from his desk in Washington directly to representatives of foreign governments in Europe, much will have been done toward everlasting peace.

Such a project presents problems which, in many respects, are similar to those the engineers have already encountered in wire communication. However, they differ in one respect; transmission by radio varies enormously from time to time whereas transmission by wires is very constant.

In order that communication may be successfully carried on over great distances under all conditions, a knowledge of the transmitting characteristics of the ether—as to its variations from hour to hour, day to day—must be gathered and charted. With this information, the engineer can proceed to design his speech channels, determining the band of frequencies allotted to each channel and the power necessary for successful com-

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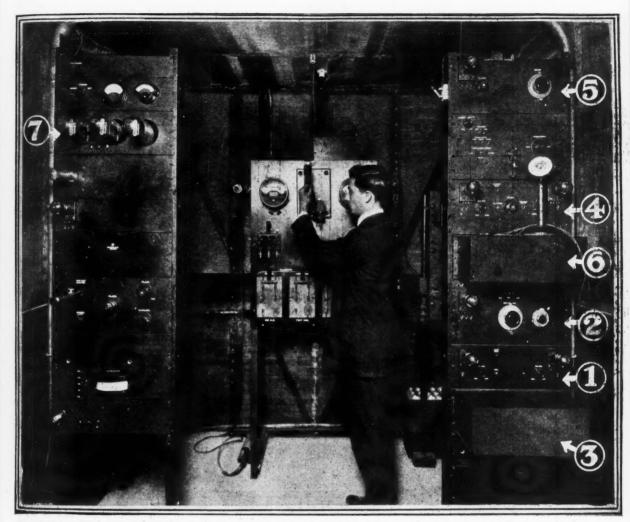
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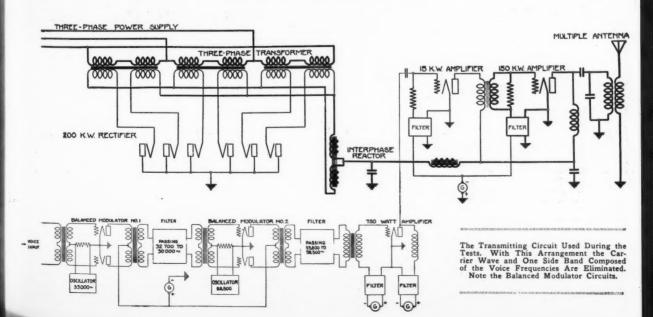
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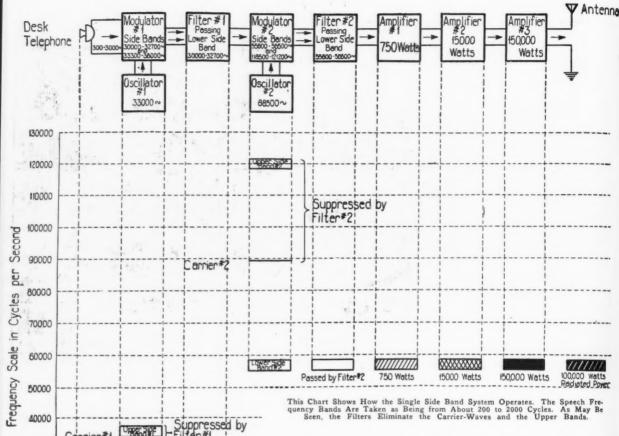
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The Apparatus Through Which the Voice Passes Before Reaching the Power Amplifiers. In the System Employed, Only One Side Band is Transmitted Which Results in Obtaining Three Times the Range Which Would Otherwise Be Obtainable Should the Carrier Wave and Other Side Band Be Transmitted. The Diagram on Page 1054 Shows How the Instruments Pictured Above Are Connected. Above, 1 is the First Modulator; 2 the Oscillator; 3 the Filter; 4 is the Second Modulator; 5 the Second Oscillator; and 6 the Second Filter. 7 is the 750-Watt Amplifier. Since No Carrier Wave is Employed, Local Oscillations, Acting as Such, Are Produced Near the Receiver, Which Then Functions in the Usual Way. A Loop Aerial is Generally Employed with a Radio Frequency Amplifier at the London Station.





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The measurements of the vagaries of the ether already obtained are very interesting and should prove valuable to the radio amateur. In making these determinations, signals were transmitted from Rocky Point, Long Island, to London, England. A measuring set of special design in London enabled the amplitude of the received signals to be measured. Measurements of the interference and noise due to static and other causes were also made and the ratio between the two quantities taken. This was done for each hour of the day and the results of corresponding hours averaged for each month. This ratio of the strength of signal to the strength of noise for the first eight months of 1923 is plotted in Fig. 1.

Along the vertical axis is plotted the ratio of the signal strength to noise. This ratio is a direct measure of the understandability of spoken words. Along the horizontal axis is the time of day, both as reckoned in America and in London. The hatched areas designate the hours when it is dark only at one station. The blackened area represents the hours when it is dark at both stations.

hours when it is dark at both stations.

It will be observed that reception in winter is best just before daybreak in England, while in summer it follows daybreak by a few hours. It will further be observed that a period of poor reception occurs just before

sunset in America. During summer months this continues for several hours. The overlap of business hours for New York and London is from nine to twelve A. M., New York time, which happens to be a period when reception is neither very good nor very bad.

The circuit used for transmitting the test signals is shown in Fig. 2. It consists of

two modulators, two filters and three amplifiers. A rectifier is shown in the upper left corner which provides the plate voltage necessary for the amplifiers. The simplified form of this circuit shown in Fig. 3 indicates more clearly how this set functions.

The telephone speech currents from the transmitter give rise to a band of frequencies ranging from 300 cycles to 3000 cycles. These are combined by modulator 1 with a carrier current of 33,000 cycles from oscillator 1 to form what is known as side bands. One of these contains frequencies higher than the carrier and is known as the upper side band while the other contains lower frequencies and is known as the lower side band. One third of the energy is divided about equally between these two bands and the rest, or two-thirds, remains in a car-This current is next sent through filter No. 1 which allows the power of the lower side band to pass but excludes most of that contained in the carrier and the upper side band. It then passes to modulator No. where it is combined with current having a frequency of 88,500 cycles from oscillator This again gives rise to two side bands and a carrier. These are sent through filter
 This time the side bands are sufficiently separated that the filter can effect a very complete isolation of this new lower side band. Having now prepared a band of frequencies extending from 55,800 cycles to 58,500 cycles it is next amplified by three steps to a final power somewhat less than 150 k.w. and sent out onto the antenna.

In the ordinary methods, used in radio broadcasting for instance, both side bands and the carrier are put out onto the ether. Such a scheme, at best, is only one-third as efficient and occupies a space in the range of wave lengths about twice as wide as when the carrier and one side band are eliminated. This economy of both wave-length range and power is very important. Where previously only four speech channels were possible in a certain band of wave-lengths now seven channels can be accommodated. It is as if the loads which were previously hauled on low broad gauged trucks were loaded onto narrow trucks. Such a change would obviously increase the capacity of any street.

In the usual method of transmission where both the carrier and side bands are transmitted, detection at the receiving station is readily accomplished by permitting all of the components to pass through the detector. In case the carrier and one side band have been eliminated at the transmitting end, a local current must be supplied at the receiving end having a frequency corresponding to the original carrier. This, of course, can be done efficiently, for the power required in reception is very small.

The one-way telephone circuit described above was used in the Rocky Point-London demonstration several months ago.

Commercial trans-Atlantic telephony will involve two-way transmission and the principles described above are being adapted to this type of service. However, it should be borne in mind that after our knowledge of the variability of ether transmission is adequate and after all of the technical problems have been solved, the actual introduction of trans-oceanic service must await the solution of many commercial problems.

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Results of Our \$300 Radio Music Contest

The Prize Winners

RADIO JAZZ entry No. 25, composition by Lindsay McPhail, lyrics by Jack Nelson, 4501 Lake Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, prize \$150.00.

Radio March, entry No. 43, composition by Bert Green, 53 Yale Street, Springfield, Mass., prize \$150.00.

The two compositions are now being published and in addition to the prize money, the composers are entitled to 10% royalties on sales of all sheet music copies; also on piano rolls and phonograph records, should these

N our September issue we offered \$300 in prizes in gold for two musical compositions. For the benefit of those who have not read the prize announcement, we give herewith an abstract from our September issue:

There does not exist today two pieces of music which we have in mind, namely, a good "Radio Jazz" and a good "Radio March." To be sure, we have all sorts of marches and all sorts of jazzes, but what we wish particularly are two pieces of music that are especially adapted to be broadcast by radio. If you are musically inclined, you will at once grasp what we mean. The pieces should have peculiar radio characteristics. For instance, in radio we have radio code. We are all familiar with the code signals going thuswise: dah-de-de-dah..... Then everyone is acquainted with the radio squeal, the little birdlike flutenoises that we hear when the other fellow is trying to tune in. These two and a number of other sounds are characteristic of radio and should be taken as a basis or theme for the new radio compositions.

What we want, therefore, are two pieces of music, as mentioned before: one a composition which will be known as the "Radio March," the other one as "Radio Jazz." For each one of these compositions, we will pay to the successful composer \$150.00 outright. In addition to this, a 10 per cent commission on the sale of the sheet music, roll music and record music will be paid by us to the composers, on all sales made.

Through the Radio News organization, the two pieces, by arrangement with the broadcast stations throughout the country, will be popularized on a scale never before attempted with any musical composition. At the beginning the sheet music will not be sold in music stores at all, and can be had only by application to the broadcast stations and to this office. All advertising will be done by radio. At the end of six months, and at the end of the first year, the results of the experiment will be published by Radio News.

It should be understood, and it can be readily realized, that the nature of the contest is such that there can be only one prize for each composition; there are no second or third prizes.

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Hundreds upon hundreds of compositions came pouring in to us from all parts of this country, and foreign countries as well. We received all sorts of compositions, but the great majority of them, the judges found to

A Photograph Taken in the Studio of Station WIZ During the Broadcasting of the Music Entered in

A Photograph Taken in the Studio of Station WJZ During the Broadcasting of the Music Entered in the Prize Contest. Left to Right: H. Gernsback. Standing Beside Him is Mr. Peter Weisenkeller, Bandmaster of the 16th U. S. Infantry Band. Kneeling: Nat Sanders, Ada Rubens and Rose Shelby. Sitting—Extreme Right: Milton J. Cross, Announcer "AJN." Standing Behind Him is First Lieut, George T. Wyche of the 16th U. S. Infantry. Background: Members of the 16th U. S. Infantry Band. On the Table Can Be Sent he Radio Spark and Radio Oscillator Used by Mr. Gernsback at This Occasion to Produce Weird Musical Sounds.

be of little value. Those that did not pass muster had borrowed themes or had otherwise very little merit.

Of course, many amateurs tried their hand at music writing, with results that were none too good. Out of the hundreds submitted, there were found to be at least twelve com-

THE JUDGES OF THE CONTEST

Hugo Riesenfeld—Musical director and famous conductor of the Rialto, Rivoli and Criterion Theatres, New York.

Ted Lewis, of the well-known Ted Lewis Band and the Ted Lewis Frolics. The Jazz Master.

Vincent Lopez—Leader of the Pennsylvania Hotel Orchestras. Leo B. Riggs—Musical director of the Hotel Astor Orchestra, New York City.

Milton J. Cross—"Announcer AJN" of "Broadcast Central, WJZ," New York, member of Institute of Musical Arts, and member of Paulist Choristers.

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H. Gernsback, Editor. Hardman Piano used for this

positions that were not only meritorious but ranked well with some of the best popular music that we have today. Of these, six pieces certainly were excellent and were pronounced so by the majority of the judges.

Of the two prize winning pieces finally selected, the judges were almost unanimous. On the Radio March there was not one dissenting vote between the six judges. On

the Radio Jazz there were dissenting votes, but Radio Jazz No. 25, by Lindsay McPhail, won by a majority. Composition No. 31, "Music In the Air," by Jack Nelson, was the next on the list. These three pieces have already been ordered published and they will be available by the time this issue is in your hands. Arrangements have been made with a great many broadcasting stations all over the country to broadcast these pieces, and from what we have heard of the compositions, we have no doubt that within the next few months everybody will be singing or whistling one or all of these compositions.

In order to test out the idea on the public, it was decided to play six of the best compositions over the radio and for this test Station WJZ was selected. On the evening of November 24, 1923, the selections were played with the assistance of the 16th U. S. Infantry Band, between the hours of 10 and 11 o'clock. By advertising in newspapers and by previous broadcast announcements from station WJZ, the public was asked to vote for the pieces they liked best. The results of the popular vote were practically the same as those of the judges. The number of the property of the pro ber of votes received on the Monday after the broadcast performance was astonishing. At this time of writing, 4,269 votes have been received, and they are still coming from all parts of the country. The public took a most lively interest in the performance, which was novel in many respects, as this was the first time the public had been asked to vote its preference as to a musical composition. Before the selections were played, Mr. H. Gernsback, Editor, who was in charge of the entertainment, spoke over the radio as follows:

"As you listen in tonight you are about to enjoy—I hope—a new feature, one that to (Continued on page 1150)

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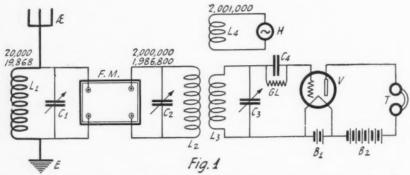
A New Invention for Selective Reception

By JOHN SCOTT-TAGGART, F. Inst. P.



This new development arrives at a time when a selective form of receiver capable of eliminating interference is a necessity. With this system it will become possible to operate transmitters on waves with a difference of but a few meters of each other. The method outlined in this article is ingenious to say the least.





Circuit Employed for Reducing Interference by the Multiplication of the Frequencies of Incoming Signals.

STAGE in the history of radio telegraphy has been reached when those engaged in communication work view with grave concern the future prospects of the art. Atmospheric interference remains an important problem and the ether is becoming congested.

The ether is rapidly becoming filled with signals of all wave-lengths, from 50 meters to 20,000 meters. Even at the present time, not a little difficulty is being experienced in separating desired signals from those of stations working on adjacent wave-lengths.

The syntonisation of wireless receiving apparatus has progressed considerably since the remarkable early work of Lodge and Marconi. The introduction of high-frequency tuned amplifiers has enabled a very high degree of selectivity to be obtained. The use of reaction has also contributed, in no small measure, to the success of modern selective receiving apparatus. Note-frequency tuning has also been elaborated and used for commercial long-distance communication.

The greatest achievement, however, in seective reception is unquestionably the method of continuous wave reception known as the "heterodyne" system, invented by Fessenden. By this beat method of receiving continuous waves, not only is greater selectivity achieved, but a pure, musical signal is obtained which lends itself to selective reception on tuned low-frequency circuits.

tion on tuned low-frequency circuits. In spite, however, of 27 years of research work and commercial experience, even those with the most intimate knowledge of modern developments regard the future with a certain amount of apprehension. E. F. W. Alexanderson, the Chief Engineer of the Radio Corporation of America, a month or two ago made the following remarks:

"It can now be readily seen that since the ability to receive distinct signals depends on the separation of different frequencies, there is a definite limit to the number of 'channels' of communication between stations that can be set up.

22,000 meters are divided into 2 per cent bands, there are 35 'channels'; if into 1 per cent bands, there are 70 'channels.' Except to such an extent as directional reception will permit, the number of one-way channels open for such long distance communication is limited to the number of these bands.

"The congestion of the ether is, therefore, not a mere matter of looking into the future,

but a real present-day problem. The necessity for traffic regulation, at least enough to prevent reckless driving, so to speak, is just as apparent as the undesirability of hidebound regulations until such time as the limit of possible improvements in technique have been more definitely determined.

"Such is the present situation in the long distance radio ether. The congestion is due to the necessity for the use of the longer waves for long-distance work and the fact that all high-power stations are broadcast stations; much improvement is possible in existing practice, but radically new methods of operation must also be considered."

Having pointed out the immediate need for new methods of selective reception, a few remarks regarding present-day methods will not be out of place.

PRESENT-DAY METHODS

When receiving continuous waves, it is usual to take advantage of two, and often three, methods of selective reception. In the first place, the signals are more or less selectively received by means of high-frequency tuned circuits, vacuum tube amplification being used for the purpose. Heterodyne reception is employed to convert the radio-frequency currents into musical notes which will operate telephone receivers or other indicating apparatus. Instead of applying the audio-frequency signals directly to the telephone receivers, or like apparatus, audio frequency tuning is often resorted to. In view of the musical notes received by the heterodyne method of reception, the advan-

tages of both high- and low-frequency syntonisation are obtainable. No mention has been made of directive aerial systems, but these are commonly employed in long-distance communication.

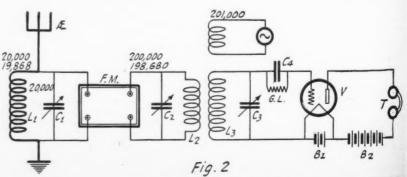
That Fessenden's invention has its limitations is disputed by none. Heterodyne reception, remarkable as it is for the selective reception of short wave-lengths, is of comparatively little value for the reception of the waves commonly used for long-distance communication. Nevertheless, the beat method of reception, even for long wavelengths, is a sensitive one, and also provides a pure musical note, or, rather, low-frequency currents of regular wave-form.

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The very important fact however, remains, that the full advantages of heterodyne reception are not realized on the longer wave-lengths. This, of course, is very unfortunate, as long-distance communication is carried out usually on wave-lengths between 10,000 and just over 20,000 meters. These waves have been found to be most suitable for communication over long distances.

The comparative failure of the heterodyne system on commercial wave-lengths used for trans-oceanic communication has left us dependent, very largely, on methods of eliminating signals which involve resonance phenomena which were applied to selective reception 26 years ago.

The two great landmarks in the history of selective wireless reception are the utilization of resonance phenomena and the reception of continuous waves by means of the production of beats. The time has now come when these trusted methods are no longer sufficient. Today governments are becoming more and more reluctant to issue new wave-lengths for radio communication. ether is already overcrowded and the allocation of any new wave-lengths only makes matters worse. There is, with modern apparatus, a limit to the extent to which wavelength channels may be adjacent to each A certain number of kilocycles have to separate the frequencies of two different stations if they are not to interfere with This means that on the longer each other. wave-lengths there has to be a greater difference in wave-length between the different stations and only a relatively small number of high-power stations can communicate on the band of wave-lengths between 10,000 and 20,000 meters. In other words, on the longer wave-lengths, unless existing methods are altered, it will only be possible to have a



The Effect of a Frequency Multiplication of 100 Times is to Further Increase the Selectivity of the Circuits.

certain number of transmitting stations, and this number will soon be completed.

We cannot increase the wave-length used indefinitely, owing to innumerable factors, and even if we could, the problem of selective reception would become worse and worse, owing to the necessity of separating out the wave-lengths of the stations farther and farther apart.

A NEW INVENTION

Having outlined the shortcomings of present-day apparatus, I propose to give a very brief outline of an invention which I patented in May, 1920, but which is publicly described today for the first time.

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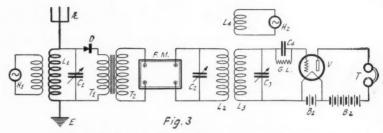
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The principle is of such a basic character that its application may affect the whole trend of methods of selective reception.

The invention involves the increasing, at the receiving station, of the frequency difference between desired and undesired cur-This method of solving the problem of selectivity and atmospheric elimination has never yet been attempted or suggested. The frequencies have remained the same, and the methods which have been adopted have been calculated to separate the desired from the undesired frequencies without attempting to change the actual frequency of either.

According to part of my invention, the frequency of the incoming currents is increased, with the result that the frequency separating out signals having a difference



Circuit Employed for the Multiplication of Low Frequency Currents.

quency difference, therefore, is only 132 cycles.

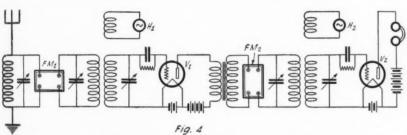
If now, instead of receiving these signals in the ordinary way as, for example, by the heterodyne method, we multiply the frequen-cies of both signals by 10, we will increase the frequency of the signals, due to the 15,000-meter station to 200,000 cycles, this corresponding to a wave-length of 1,500 meters. The 15,100-meter interfering signals will produce interfering oscillations having a frequency of 198,680 cycles.

It will be readily appreciated that the difference between the new desired and undesired currents is now ten times as great, and equals 1,320 cycles. Where before we had to differentiate between signals having a difference in frequency of only 132, we now have the considerably easier task of

aerial circuit, which contains the inductance L₁ and variable condenser C₁, we have two sets of oscillations. One set has a frequency of 20,000, corresponding to the wave-length 15,000 meters of the desired signals, and the other currents have a frequency of 19,868, corresponding to the interfering signals of 15,100 meters. The circuit is tuned, of course, to the frequency of 20,000, corresponding to the desired signals but nevertheless, this method of selective reception is gro-tesquely ineffective when the trequency difference is so small. The next stage in the process is to apply the two sets of currents to a frequency multiplier which is shown, for the sake of convenience, as a box FM. This frequency multiplier may take many forms, and might be a series of frequency doubling devices, such as valves, or it might be an apparatus for producing harmonics, a selected harmonic being then treated as the fundamental for reception purposes. The output currents from FM pass through the oscillation circuit L2 C2, and even here resonance tuning may not be sufficient. Loose coupling between L_2 and L_3 will, however, if the primary and secondary circuits are tuned to the new 200,000-frequency signals which are really derived from the original 20,000-frequency signals by a multiplication of 10, cause the 198,680-frequency currents, due to the interfering signal which originally had a frequency of only 19,868, to be less effective.

Oscillations are now induced into the circuit L₂ C₃ from the heterodyne H, which may be, for example, a valve oscillator. This heterodyne induces local oscillations having a frequency of 201,000. The result of inducing currents of this frequency into the circuits L₃ C₃ will be the production of two sets of beats. The 201,000-frequency oscillations will beat with the desired 200,000frequency oscillations producing beats of 1,000 frequency, and these beats will be rectified and detected by the tube V, in the output circuit of which are the telephone re-The 1,000-frequency beats will ceivers T. of course, produce a musical note in the tele-phones T having a frequency of 1,000, which phones T having a frequency of species a very convenient frequency for the re-201,000-frequency oscillations induced by the

local heterodyne, will also produce beats (Continued on page 1120)



System for the Multiplication of Both the High and the Low Frequency Currents.

difference between currents of different frequencies is increased.

An example will explain more readily what is meant. Let us assume that two stations are working on wave-lengths of 15,000 meters and 15,100 meters. The wave-length difference, in this case, amounts to 100 meters, a very narrow margin and one which, under ordinary circumstances, would lead to the 15,100-meter signals jamming the 15,000-meter signals. If now we apply both sets of incoming currents to a fre-15,100-meter quency multiplier giving a multiplication of, say, 10 times, currents will be delivered to the receiver proper by both sets of incoming currents. The 15,000-meter desired signals will set up oscillations corresponding to a wave-length of only 1,500 meters, while the 15,100-meter signals will be resolved into signals corresponding to a wave-length of 1,510 meters. There will now be 10 meters difference between the two signals, but 10 meters difference on a wave-length of about 1,500 meters is ten times more valuable than a difference of 100 meters at a wave-length of 15,000 meters.

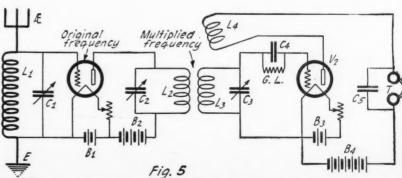
The number of cycles difference is the controlling factor in considering selective reception without interference. The example of the 15,000-meter signals being jammed by the 15,100-meter signals may be understood more clearly if we deal in cycles of frequency instead of meters. The 15,000meter desired signal will set up oscillations having a frequency of 300,000,000 divided by 15,000, which equals 20,000 The 15,100meter signals will correspond to oscillations having a frequency of 19,858. The freof frequency of as much as 1,320 cycles. Put crudely, it is ten times as easy to separate out the two stations.

The new currents of multiplied frequency may be applied to selective high-frequency receiving circuits and the heterodyne method of reception may be employed.

FREQUENCY MULTIPLICATION AND THE USE OF BEATS

It needs very little imagination for student of these matters to appreciate the remarkable selectivity which is obtainable by combination of frequency multiplication and heterodyne reception. A theoretical circuit is illustrated in Fig 1.

In this figure, it is assumed that in the



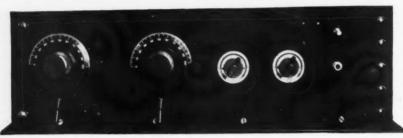
The Application of Frequency Multiplication to a Standard Form of Circuit.

The Ultradyne Receiver

By ROBERT E. LACAULT. A.M.I.R.E.

The receiver described in this article is a modified super-heterodyne. The improvement made is of such a nature that the sensitiveness is increased and a minimum of controls employed making the set easier to tune. The name "Ultradyne" is merely employed to differentiate this super-heterodyne receiver from those employing the standard circuit. Complete data for the construction of such a receiver is given in the article.





Front View of Complete Receiver. The Number of Controls Has Been Reduced to a Minimum. Which Makes the Tuning Easier.

super-heterodyne receiver is coming more into use among the amateurs and broadcast listeners on account of its numerous advantages. and it is our intention to describe in this article the construction of a superheterodyne functioning under a new principle This improved receiver, which has proved superior to the usual type is the result of a long series of experiments carried out by the The principle of operation of this receiving system has already been explained in many text books and radio magazines, but we shall describe it again in a few words for the benefit of those who do not have such reference at hand.

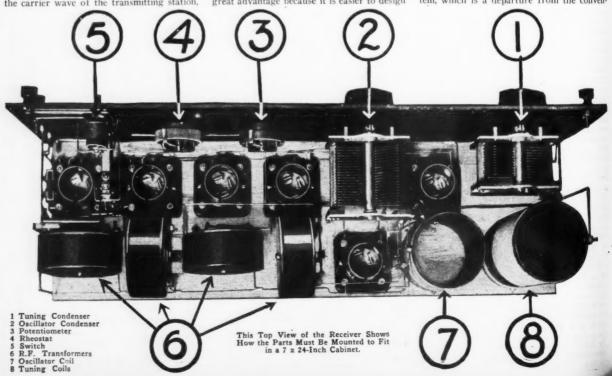
Everyone who has operated an ordinary regenerative receiver has noticed that when a broadcast station is being received a whistle is heard in the telephones when regeneration is increased beyond a certain limit. This is caused by the receiver itself, which oscillates and produces, by interference with the carrier wave of the transmitting station,

a beat note of an audible frequency. How beats are produced was very clearly explained by Prof. W. P. Powers in an article which appeared on page 535 of the Novem-1923, issue of this magazine. A heat note has a frequency equal to the difference between the two frequencies which produce it. For instance, if a carrier wave of 1,000 kilocycles is received, a beat note of 1,000 cycles will be heard in the receivers if an alternating current of 999 kilocycles, or 1,001 kilocycles is made to interfere with it. the super-heterodyne receiver, this principle is employed, but instead of producing beat notes at an audible frequency, beats of super-audible frequency, such as 50 or 100 kilocycles are used. By means of a variable condenser the oscillator circuit may be tuned so that such a beat note is produced Therefore, no incoming signal. for any matter what the incoming signal frequency is, the signal which is amplified and detected is always of the same frequency. This is a great advantage because it is easier to design a radio frequency amplifier to function on one frequency only, than one which amplifies in the same proportion a broad band of frequencies.

In most short wave radio frequency amplifiers using untuned transformers, the amplification varies for each frequency. generally found that greater amplification is obtained at two points, while comparatively smaller amplification is had over the remainder of the frequency range covered by the transformer. If tuned radio frequency transformers are employed, the tuning becomes very complicated, owing to the numerous controls, and it is difficult to tune in a station unless the entire amplifier is cali-The radio frequency amplifier used brated. in the super-heterodyne receiver is designed to amplify at maximum intensity at one frequency only, thus increasing the selectivity, since only signal frequencies which are interfered with by means of the oscillator can pass through the amplifier.

THE MODULATION SYSTEM

In the ordinary type of super-heterodyne, the first tube employed as a frequency changer is connected as a detector with a grid condenser and grid leak. This detector rectifies the incoming signal after it has been heterodyned and the variation caused in the plate circuit amplified through a long wave radio frequency amplifier. In the system to be described a new principle is made use of. This system, which has been called the modulation system, causes the incoming signal to modulate the oscillations produced locally in the same way that the speech modulates the output of the oscillator tubes in a radio telephone transmitter. This system, which is a departure from the conven-



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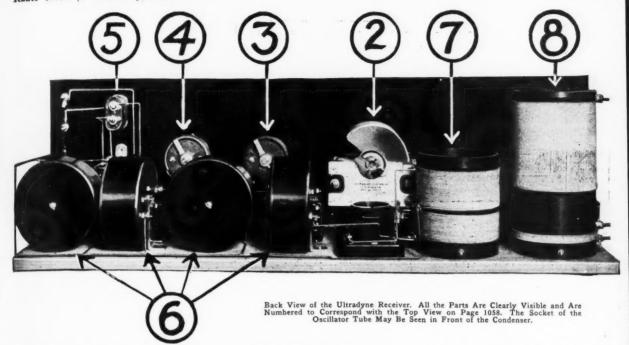
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tional detector arrangement, is not only more simple, but produces a greater signal strength, which is more noticeable on weak signals.

Fig. 1 shows the principle of operation of the circuit. The first tube, which is called the modulator, is connected across the oscillating circuit of the oscillator. The plate filament space acting as a resistance, the value of which is varied by the incoming signals impressed upon the grid. In this arrangement no "B" battery is necessary, for the plate of the modulator tube is supplied by high frequency current from the oscillating circuit. To receive continuous waves, this arrangement is very efficient, and it has been applied very successfully to the super-heterodyne receiver described in this article.

article.

To give an idea of the sensitiveness of this receiving arrangement we would mention the results obtained with it in New York City, the set being installed on the fourth floor of an apartment house situated in a good location. Using only the secondary coil composed of 72 turns of wire wound on a tube 3 inches in diameter, stations in Cincinnati, Detroit, Atlanta, Chicago and other cities are heard practically every night with good audibility. No audio frequency amplification is used, and no loop, aerial or ground are connected to the receiver. With one or two stages of audio frequency the loud speaker may be operated and, of course, the music and speech are audible thoughout the apartment.

Fig. 2 is a complete diagram of connections of the receiver, while Figs. 3, 4 and 5 are three views of the apparatus completed. The entire outfit may be mounted in a cabinet 7x24 inches, and is composed of the following parts:

1 panel 7x24 in.

1 cabinet 7x24x7 in. deep 1 .001 M.F. variable condenser with vernier

1.0005 M.F. variable condenser with or without vernier

1 potentiometer

1 6-ohm rheostat 1 double circuit jack

1 battery switch 7 binding posts

6 sockets 4 radio frequency transformers 1 .00025 M.F. grid condenser 1 .001 M.F. fixed condenser

grid leak with mountings

1 .00025 M.F. fixed condenser 1 .005 M.F. fixed condenser

1 piece of bakelite, hard rubber or formica tubing 3 in. in diameter and 6 in. long.
1 piece of the same tubing 3¾ in. long

Bus bar for connections, screws, baseboard

7x23, wire, etc.

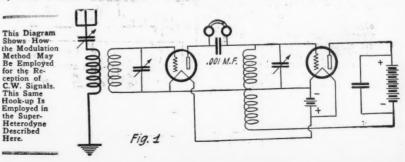
The constructional details of the tuning inductance and of the oscillator coil are given in Fig. 6. L1, which is the untuned primary, consists of eight turns of No. 20 D.C.C. wire wound ½ inch from the end of the tubing. L2, which constitutes the secwound with 72 turns of the same wire and $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches away from the primary on the same tubing. The oscillator coil is composed of two sections wound in the same direction as shown in Fig. 6. section, L3, connected between the grid and filament of the tube, is composed of 24 turns of No. 20 D.C.C. wire, while the second section, L4, connected between the plates and "B" battery, is wound with 32 turns of the same wire. These coils should be carefully wound and given a light coat of special varnish, which may be obtained from firms manufacturing insulating materials. If no such varnish is obtainable, a light coat of varnish made of acetone, in which celluloid is dissolved, will do very nicely. No shellac should be used on the coils.

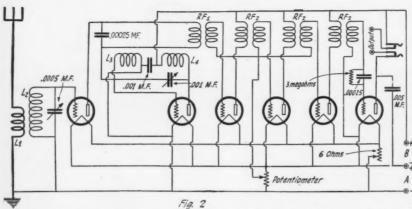
It is advisable to fasten the ends of the wire, in each coil, to small screws with nuts fixed on the tubing, as this permits a good connection to be made between the connecting wires and the inductance. The coils may be fastened to the baseboard supporting them by means of small brackets made of brass

strips bent at right-angles as shown in Fig. 7C. The ends of the wire in each coil should be soldered to the screws fastened to the tubing in order to insure perfect contact. Once the set is wired, a drop of solder should also be applied to the joint of the bus bar wire and the screw.

The radio frequency transformers may be

of any suitable type designed for long wave reception. Those used in the receiver illustrated in Figs. 4 and 5 are of a special design and may be easily constructed of hard wood or insulating material, of hard wood or insulating material, such as hard rubber or bakelite. Fig. 7 shows how these transformers are constructed. They may be turned out of a solid piece, or made up of discs of the proper thickness and diameter. The end disc, which is of larger diameter than the others, supports four screws or binding posts, to which are fastened the ends of the primary and secondary windings, and a bracket made of a strip of brass fastened under the screw holding the unit, permits its mounting on the base board. The primary should be wound first and should consist of 500 turns of No. 28 double silk covered wire in the center slot, which is ¼ inch wide. The secondary is wound in two sections with No. 30 double silk covered wire; 550 turns should be wound in each slot on each side of the primary. The two sections may be wound without breaking the wire by passing it over the primary from one section to the other. To maintain the ends of the wires in place, a drop of scaling wax may be applied on the last turn of both windings. Once the transformers are wound, the screws used as binding posts are fixed on the large disc and the ends of the wire are soldered to them.





The Complete Diagram of Connections for the Ultradyne. A Double Circuit Jack or a D.P.D.T. Switch May Be Used to Connect the Modulator Tube to the Tuning Circuit or Loop, If It Is Desired to Use One.

The beginning of the primary and secondary windings should go to the positive pole of the "B" battery and center arm of the potentiometer, respectively, while the outside ends of the windings are connected to the plate and grid of the amplifying tubes. In order to reduce the action of one transformer upon the other, they should be mounted so that their axis are at right-angles to each other, as shown in the photographs. It should be noted that the primary of the first transformer is wound with only 300 turns, so that its natural frequency is brought up to the same as that of the other transformers when the .00025 M.F. by-pass condenser is connected across it.

The two photographs, Figs. 4 and 5, clearly show the arrangement of the parts on the baseboard supporting the outfit. In order to simplify the wiring of the receiver, it would be advisable to proceed as follows: After the various pieces of apparatus mounted on the panel are fixed, all the wires which are against the panel may be placed and soldered. The sockets, inductances and transformers are then wired separately and the panel fixed to the base. The only connections which remain to be made are those joining the condensers, rheostat, potenti-

ometer and binding posts.

Before mounting the various parts on the panel and baseboard, it is a good precaution to screw tightly all the screws and bolts of the sockets, rheostats and other apparatus, which are very difficult to reach with tools, once they are fixed on the panel or board. We strongly recommend that any amateur attempting to build such a receiver use instruments of good quality, as this is an important factor in the results obtained with a super-heterodyne receiver of this type. The connections should be made with bus bar wire bent at right-angles, or else with No. 16 copper wire, which is cheaper and very efficient for connections.

If a loop aerial is used, the tuning inductance composed of L1 and L2 is not necessary, since the loop is connected across the first condenser in place of the inductance L2. However, it is preferable to use a short antenna, as the signal strength is greatly increased with this type of collector. If no antenna can be installed outdoors, a single wire stretched around a room at a distance of about a foot from the walls and ceiling by means of insulators will be preferable to a loop. The ground connection may be taken on the radiator system, the water pipe, or any other grounded metal-work. If none is available, a counterpoise may be made with a length of lamp cord wound spiral-fashion under the carpet, or rug.

fashion under the carpet. or rug.

The tuning of the super-heterodyne receiver is extremely simple, and in a short time anyone should be able to bring in dis-

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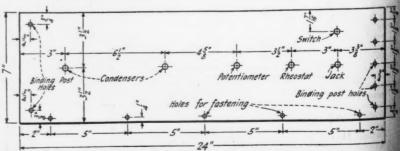
tant stations, provided the tuning and oscillator condensers are turned very slowly. As the tuning is very sharp, a vernier is necessary on the oscillator condenser, but it may be dispensed with on the tuning condenser,

which is not so critical in adjustment, receiver may be calibrated if the same loop or tuning circuit is used at all times, and if desired a silver dial may be employed the tuning condenser, thus permitting the inscription of the station call letters to be put directly on it. To tune the receiver, the tuning condenser should be moved two degrees at a time, and the oscillator condenser turned over the whole scale range for each Some stasetting of the tuning condenser. tion should be heard at one place or another along the scale; if whistles are heard, the potentiometer controlling the radio frequency amplifier should be turned until the whistles stop. The station may then be brought in loudly and clearly. The potentiometer may then be adjusted at the most A critical point where amplification is maximum, and need not be readjusted unless very The rheostat weak signals are tuned in. acts as a vernier for the potentiometer and sometimes may prove quite useful in bringing to good audibility a distant station. It will be found that signals are heard at two different adjustments of the oscillator con-It is therefore best to try the set-After a ting which gives loudest signals. few hours spent in operating this receiver, it will be quite easy to tune in stations, for at a certain point a slight rushing noise is heard. indicating that a carrier wave is tuned in. From 45 to 90 volts of "B" battery may be used on this receiver. If an audio frequency amplifier is added to operate the loud speak er, it is advisable to use a separate "B" bat tery on the audio frequency tubes, although the same filament battery may be used. It is recommended to use 201-A or 301-A tubes for the modulator and radio frequency amplifier. A different tube may be used as a detector, although very good results may be obtained with one of the above mentioned tubes, if the proper grid leak resistance is used. For the oscillator we would recom-mend a 216-A, or E tube (VT-2), although any other tube which operates well as an oscillator may be employed. It is a good idea to try the tubes in different positions, for very often some tubes function better in some stages than in others.

In the next article, which will appear in the March issue of this magazine, the construction of a two-stage audio frequency amplifier to be used with this receiver will be described. Of course, any amplifier is suitable, but this one was designed to match the Ultradyne receiver. We shall also endeavor to answer in the next article any questions which may be asked by amateurs building this receiver, which to date is undoubtedly one of the most sensitive it is possible to build at a reasonable cost.

WLAG TO BE CENTRAL CALIBRATING STATION FOR BUREAU OF STANDARDS

Ray A. Sweet, Chief Engineer of Station WLAG, the Twin City (Minneapolis and St. Paul) Radio Central, operated by the Cutting & Washington Radio Corp., has (Continued on page 1183)



Panel Layout for the Six-Tube Super-Heterodyne Receiver. A Separate Audio Frequency Associated Should Be Used, or May Be Built in by Using a Larger Panel.

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Radio Novelties



I. At a Recent Fair Held at Leipzig, Germany, the Visitors Were Entertained with Concerts from Local Broadcast Stations Picked Up by a Novel Form of Portable Radio Receiving Set. The Outht Was Strapped on the Back of One of the Officials at the Fair Who Walked from Place to Place with a Curious Crowd Following Him.

2. To Satisfy the Girls. Who Insist Upon Radio Novelties, Merchants Are Racking Their Brains for Innovations that Will Appeal to the Fair Sex. Miss Gilbert Appeared at the Philadelphia Radio Show with a Parasol Loop Aerial That Attracted

Considerable Attention. Like Other Loops, it is Directional and Has the Added Advantage of Clos-ing Up With the Parasol. © Keystone View Co.

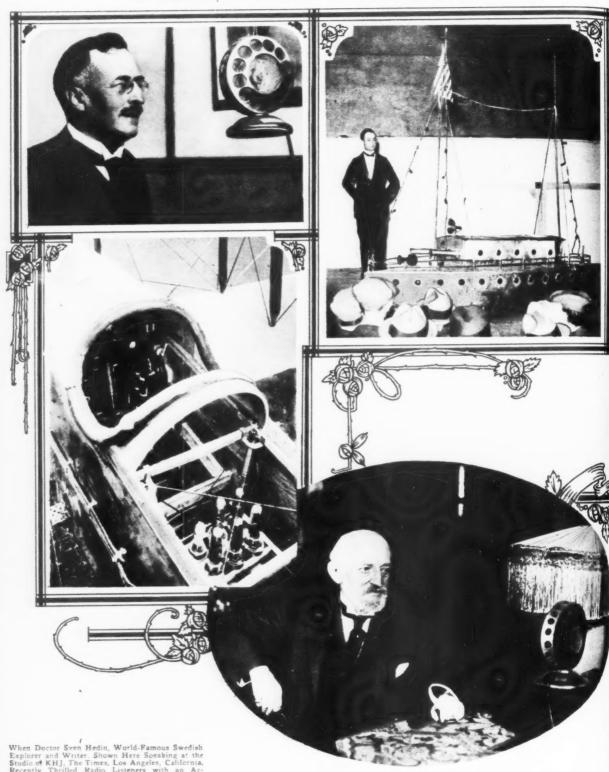
3. Using Five Different Aerials and Four Separate Receiving Sets. A. L. Bennett of New York City, Enjoys the Novel Pleasure of Receiving from 30 to 50 DX Stations Nightly. The Long Set at the Top of the Cabinet is an Eight-Tube Super-Heterodyne and the One to the Right of it is a De Forest Reflex Receiver. Beneath is a Westinghouse R. C. Receiver and Two-Stage Amplifier and a De Forest Honeycomb Receiving Set. Mr. Bennett has His Station Fully Equipped with Control Panels, Se-

lective Switching System for the Aerials, Battery
Chargers, etc. © Foto Topick.

4. We Have With Us the Phusiform Circuit.
Which the Inventor Tells Us Means "Natural
Force" in Greek. The Three Square Boxes, with
the Dials Shown on the Side of the Set, Contain
the Phusiformers Which Are in Reality Tuned
Radio Frequency Transformers, But Are So Designed as to Eliminate Oscillation Without the
Use of Neutralizing Condensers. Bob Kalmus,
Who Designed This Receiving Set, is Shown Using a Water Hydrant as a System for Picking
Up the Waves from Local Broadcast Stations.

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Radio Events In Pictures



When Doctor Sven Hedin, World-Famous Swedish Explorer and Writer. Shown Here Speaking at the Studio of KHJ, The Times, Los Angeles, California, Recently Thrilled Radio Listeners with an Account of His Hazardous Exploration of the Thibetan Desert, He Was Equally Thrilled with This, His First Experience in a Broadcast Studio.

The Upper Right Photo Shows Mr. Francill.
Known as the "Radio Wizard." with a Model
Ship Equipped with Radio Control, Explaining
the Wonderful Achievements Which May Be
Accomplished with This Equipment. This Boat
Was on Exhibition at the Radio Show in Chicago, Where Thousands of Fans Were Daily
in Attendance. P. P. and A. Photos.

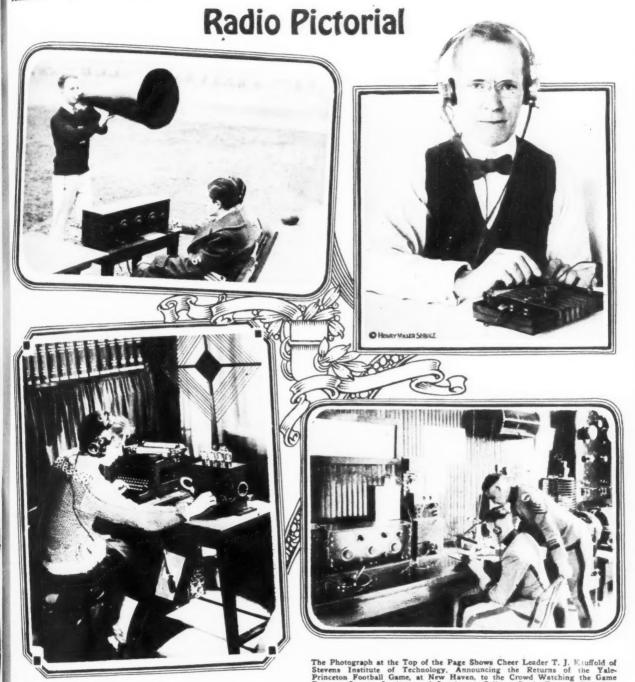
The Photo Above Shows the Cockpit of a United States Mail Plane and Its Radio Equipment. The Receiver and Transmitter, with Control Apparatus, Are Just Visible Inside the Bedy of the Plane. At the Back Are the Vacuum Tubes Ordinarily Covered and Out of Sight When Flying.

Oscar S. Straus, Member of the Permanent Court

of Arbitration at the Hague. Former Ambassion to Turkey, and Member of President Roosevells Cabinet, is Here Shown Broadcasting His Messay on "A Constructive Program for Peace." Through Station WDAR, Philadelphia, Pa., Where the Manual Convention of the American Council to International Friendship Was Held. & Keyston. View Co.

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The Photograph at the Top of the Page Shows Cheer Leader T. J. Kluffold of Stevens Institute of Technology, Announcing the Returns of the Yale-Princeton Football Game, at New Haven, to the Crowd Watching the Game Between Stevens Institute and Swathmore College, Castle Terrace, Hoboken, New Jersey. Two of the Students-Are Receiving the Returns of the Yale-Princeton Game on a Radio Receiving Set. Protograms, N. Y.

Mr. John T. Buckley of the United States Bureau of Standards Has Designed a Crystal Receiving Set. That Is Both Cheap in Construction and Efficient in Operation. This Set Is Composed of Two Small Boards, Upon Which Are Wound the Primary and Secondary Coils of the Receiving Transformer. A Fixed Telephone Condenser Is Compressed Between the Two Boards. It Is Said That These Sets Can Be Sold in Quantities for Approximately 60 cents. © Fotograms, N. Y.

Many Typist Have Improved Their Speed at the Keyboard by Having Some One Read Passages to Them From a Good Book, But an Ideal Friend Cannot Always Be Found. The Radio Receiving Set Proves To Be More Than a Friend in This Case and the Young Lady Above Is in the Act of Tuning in Some Jazz or Whatever May Appeal to Her Most, Belore She Commences Her Daily Grind. © Keystone View Co.

The Culver Military Academy Has One of the Best Equipped Radio Stations in the South for the Purpose of Instruction in Radio Telephony and Telegraphy. Two of the Students Are Shown Copying a Message From a Telegraph Station With Which They Are Communicating. The Receiving Set Can Be Seen to the Extreme Left of the Photograph and the Large Spark Transmitter and Motor Generator to the Right. © Gilliams Service, N. Y.

JUDGE UPHOLDS BOYS IN FIGHT FOR AERIAL

JUDGE Yeatman of Cincinnati has just established a precedent and once more proved himself to be a friend of human souls that long for healthy pleasures and the stablishment of their indi-UDGE Yeatman of Cincinnati has just struggle for the establishment of their individual rights.

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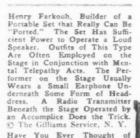
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Two boys, Masters Robert Branigen and Edward Avery, wanted to install a radio

receiving set in the latter's home. The land-lord objected. In fact, he told them he wouldn't stand for it. About this time along came a good friend to all boys. Rev. William P. C. O'Conner, their pastor, who said that the best thing to do was to take the

When the case came up before Judge Yeatman, what do you think he said? Why, just this: "Radio is one of the most beau-

tiful influences a boy can have!" Guess that was telling the landlord something, wasn't it? Certainly it was! Now Robert and Edward may tune in without any fear of having the aerial torn down by an irate landlord who has forgotten all about the joys of his own boyhood days when he had to amuse himself with things far less interesting and beautiful than radio.—Ab-stract from New York World.



New Radio Features

Have You Ever Thought of Employing a Revolving Bookcase as a Frame for a Loop Aerial? The Photo to the Right Shows a Complete Radio Outfit with an Aerial of This Type.



Photo Shows
Capt. John J.
Brangan Giving Instructions on Care
and Operation
of Radio Sets
to Police Reserve Officers
of New York
City at Their
Headquarters.
A Complete
Long and
Short Wave
Regenerative
Radio Receiver
Is Being Used
for This Purpose. © Kade
& Herbert.

SEEK CAUSE FOR FADING OF RADIO SIGNALS

HEN radio was first used for long distance communication it was noticed that signals were not transmitted as far during the day as during the night time. It has also been observed that at night, radio signals on the higher radio frequencies or shorter wave-lengths vary greatly in intensity from minute to minute. Persons who receive broadcast concerts from distant stations have occasion to notice this variation in intensity of received signals

since loud signals may be received from a given distant station at one moment only in disappear entirely for a few minutes and then recover their original intensity.

This and related phenomena have bee recorded from time to time and various by potheses have been brought forward in a attempt to explain them. The phenomena are dependent upon a large number of variable quantities such as the weather contions, the nature of the country over which transmission occurs, the surroundings of the

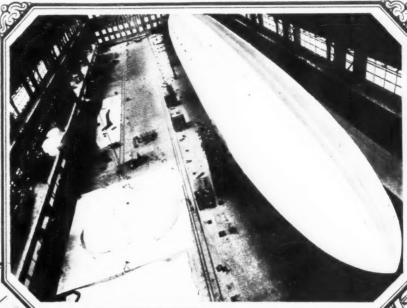
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Planting the Radio Compass Atop the World

By S. R. WINTERS

HEN the ZR-1, titanic airship of the United States Navy, goes aloft she has facilities for taking compass bearings with quite the same readiness as seagoing vessels have in determining their courses. It is the first radio compass installation on a lighter-than-air craft. Moreover, apparatus for the transmission and reception of radio communications are available for the exchange of intelligence between this immense dirigible and other craft navigating the air, with ships at sea, or with radio stations on land.

A radio compass of particular design is installed forward in the dirigible's control car. It was recently subjected to tests by the Radio Division of the Bureau of Engineering, Navy Department, at Lakehurst, N. J., and found to operate very satisfactorily. This radio compass is spherical in shape and is composed of two sets of coils—a wheel within a wheel, figuratively speaking. The entire framework and the windings are operative when bearings are being determined on long wave-lengths. However, in the reception of radio signals on short





Notable among these outposts of communication are three radio stations in Iceland. Among the other wireless communicating points in the extreme north are those maintained by the Radio Division of the United States Navy Department and the Signal Corps of the War Department in Alaska; several in northern Russia; Spitzbergen on the 78th parallel; and Mijgbugton, 73 degrees North, on the coast of Greenland. These outposts of civilization would afford wireless signals by which the ZR-1 could obtain cross-bearings and thereby chart its northward bound course. Even if these (Continued on page 1173)

A Photograph Taken of the Shenandoah's Control Car While Flying Over the New England States. The Aerial Can Be Seen Dropping From the Gondola. The Photo to the Right Shows One of the Cabins in Construction. © Kadel & Herbert.

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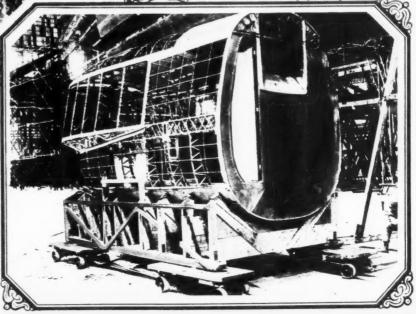
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wave-lengths, only one of the two interlinking coils may be functioning, an effect not dissimilar to the use of the variometer in radio receiving sets. The radio compass, capable of taking bearings on the wide range of wave-lengths from 500 to 30,000 meters, is shown in one of the photographs.

If the ZR-1 makes an expedition within the region of the North Pole, which trip is problematical, of course, the radio compass would be the principal means of guiding the great boat. There are several wireless stations from which radio signals could be received all during a flight over the north polar regions from which, by the use of the radio compass, this huge dirigible could plot its position.

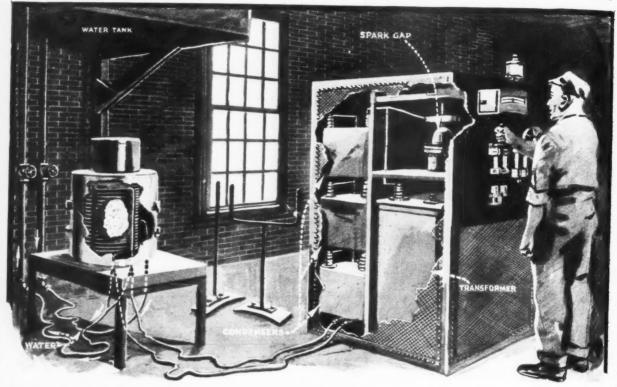


Melting Metal Without Fire In A Radio Furnace By S. R. WINTERS

By S. R. WINTER

The high frequency furnace described in this article is the invention of Dr. E. F. Northrup, and permits the melting of metals by eddy currents induced in the material to be melted. It is similar to a Radio transmitter of the spark type, and might be used as such.





This Picture Showing the Complete Radio Furnace Illustrates How Metals and Alloys Are Melted in the Furnace. The High Tension Producing Apparatus Are Housed in the Cage, Behind the Switchboard, and the Solenoid, in the Center of which is the Crucible, is Mounted on the Small Table. The Two Units Are Connected by Means of Flexible Leads. In This Picture the Sides of the Apparatus Are Broken to Show the Inside Arrangements.

RADIO furnace, operating without fire, which will melt platinum in a container that can be handled with the bare hands, is the latest development in high frequencies. By applying the eddy-current principle and using the currents to form heat, E. F. Northrup has designed a furnace which bids fair to take a large place in the manufacture of light bulbs and vacuum tubes.

The plan of the furnace is simple: A crucible is surrounded with a heat insulating material. At the outside of the insulator is wound about 50 turns of heavy copper tubing. A 15,000-cycle current flows through the tube, setting up powerful eddy currents in the mineral or metal in the crucible. The tube which conducts the current is cooled by a stream of water passing through it.

In preliminary tests made by the Bureau of Standards and the manufacturers it was found that the furnace developed about 65 per cent efficiency.

One of the greatest advantages of the furnace is its swiftness of operation. A melt of platinum put into the crucible at room temperature can be brought to the melting point in less than twenty minutes, according to tests made. When working on iron and nickel the work is much faster, since the hysteresis of the iron to the magnetic field of the coil increases the heat.

One of the greatest factors making for the advantageous operation of the furnace is the fact that the nature of the currents induced into the metal being heated causes it to be constantly stirred. No little argument has arisen among the technical men as to the results the operation of the furnace will have as QRM. It has been said that the frequencies used in its operation will find their way into the radio field and further increase the already great amount of interference. However, one of the furnaces is installed in the center of Manhattan Island and is kept in almost constant operation, and to date, according to the manufacturers, there has been no complaint whatever.

They state that in case interference should develop it would be a small matter to eliminate it by simply putting metal shields around the furnace and the high frequency generator.

The Bureau of Standards of the United States Department of Commerce maintains the services of three of these high-frequency induction steel furnaces, two of 20-kilowatt and one of 10-Kilowatt capacity. One of these units is reserved for investigations relative to heat and temperature measurements, while the other two are operated by the Metallurgical Division of the Bureau of Standards. In the production of pure platinum this type of furnace is peculiarly fitted

num this type of furnace is peculiarly fitted.
Only recently the General Electric Company, the Western Electric Company and the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company have been issued licenses to manufacture high-frequency apparatus for heating the interior parts of electron tubes while gases are being dispelled. Gases in these metal parts are said to be more readily driven off by this induction method than by

applying heat to the tubes during evacuation, by conduction and radiation from filaments heated by the passage of current.

By means of the new furnace, energy ordinarily represented as heat losses in many electric furnaces is converted to a useful purpose.

The converter, which transforms the 60-cycle commercial electric current into high frequencies ranging from 10,000 to 20,000 cycles per second, takes the form of a metal On its face is a switchboard, containing a wheel for controlling the electric power and an indicating wattmeter. The three essential units of this converter are enclosed in this cage, namely, twelve condensers, a transformer and a discharge gap. The latter has two electrodes which are raised and lowered over a surface of mercury held in a metal container. A hand wheel on the face of the switchboard is manipulated for the raising and lowering of the electrodes. The power delivered by this the electrodes. The power delivered by this converter may be varied from zero to 20 kilowatts by changing the distance of these electrodes above the surface of the mercury. The transformer steps the line voltage up to 6,600 volts in the absence of danger, since the high-tension parts are enclosed in the metal cage, which is grounded.

The furnace proper is a box made of asbestos board. This receptacle contains the inductor coil, the electrical insulation, the small amount of heat-insulating material required, and the crucible in which is deposited the mineral or alloy to be melted. The com-

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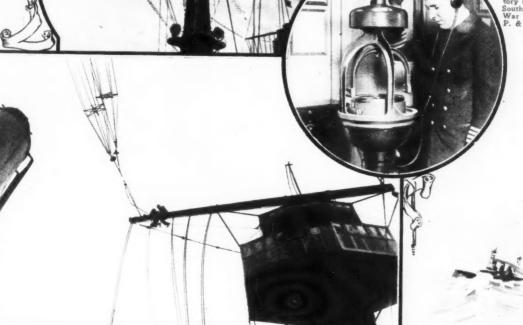
Navy Ship Sends and Receives Simultaneously

THE battleship Colorado has just accomplished what radio engineers said was impossible a few years ago. . . . Her radio personnel has succeeded in receiving messages on five differen wave-lengths while her transmitter was sending despatches

across the continent on another wave-length. This was accomplished by means of a special high-power tube transmitter and the use of special aerials for the receiving sets. Naturally the transmitter is an exceptional one. It emits a pure wave free from har-monics and mush. The receivers were most carefully designed as to selectivity. The difficulty of receiving several messages at a time on a ship, especially if a single aerial used, is to keep from interfering with the other receiving sets tuned to various waves. This is difficult with ordinary apparatus (if possible at all) due to the fact that in tuning up and down the scale the other sets are

interfered with and messages interrupted. The Radio Officers of the S.S. Leviathan from Left to Right: A. N. Pickerill, Chief Radio Officer. A. C. Tamburino, 1st Asst. R. J. Green, 2nd Asst. H. F. Bollendonk, 3rd Asst. H. F. Bollendonk, 3rd Asst. C. R. Underhill, 5th Asst. Right: The Cage Antenna System on the U. S. S. Wyoming, One of the Recently Completed First Line Battleships. cently Completed F Battleships. © Kadel & Herbert.

Capt. H. C. Fish, Staff Commander of the S.S. Leviathan Working the New Type Radio Compass Which Was Installed on Boasd During the Ship's Lest Stay in New York. This Radio Compars Lessens the Danger of Collisions in Fegs. © Kadel & Herbert. Below. Pretty Soft for These Gobs. Nothing to Do But Dangle Around Some 100 Feet In the Air and Repair the Aerial of the U. S. S. Maryland, Flagship of the Adantic Fleet, She is Under Repair at Brooklyn Navy Yard Preparatory to Her Cruise to Southern Waters for War Maneuvers. © P. & A. Photos.

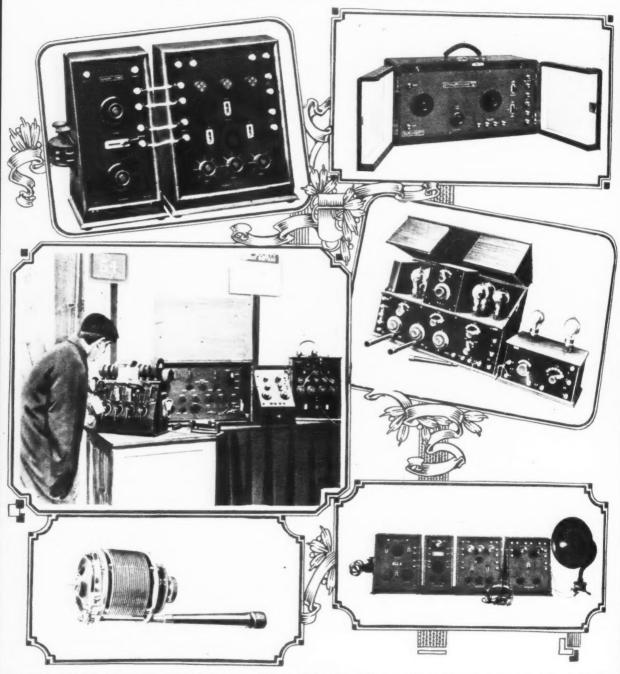


This system of sending and receiving was Inis system of sending and receiving was effectively tried out by the *Colorado* while lying off the Virginia Capes recently. She transmitted messages to San Diego and San Francisco messages to San Diego and state of 1420 meteors and at Francisco on a wave of 1,430 meters and at

the same time copied five stations on 600, 1,300, 2,300, 4,300 and 4,600 meters during both day and night watches. The transmitting antenna with a 45-ampere input approximately, was only a few feet from the re-

ceiving antenna, a vertical affair of three or four strands suspended from a yard arm. This antenna picked up the messages for the five receiving sets-in itself a surprising (Contined on page 1174)

The London Radio Show



The Apparatus Illustrated Above Were Exhibited at the Second Radio Show Recently Held in London, England. These Are Only a Few of the Large Display. But Are Typical of the Style Now in Vogue in Europe. The Upper Pictures Show a Honeycomb Coil Tuner with Detector and Amplifier in Two Separate Units and a Portable Receiver Housed in a Suitcase. The Latter Requires Only a Very Short Aerial, as Do Some of the Most Recent American Portable Outfits. In the Large Photograph Are Shown Several Receivers Using Tuned Radio Frequency Amplifiers and "Plug In" Types of Transformers. In the Lower Right-Hand Corner Is a Complete Receiver Composed of Tuner, One Stage of Tuned Radio Frequency Amplifiers and Power Amplifiers and Two-Stage Audio Frequency Amplifiers and Power Amplifiers on the Lett Is a Variable Condenser with Vernier, Manufactured by a French Firm. Note the Long Handle Controlling the Vernier, The Receiver Shown in the Right Center Picture Is Also of French Make and Has Proved Quite Efficient in Recent Tests. It Embodies Radio and Audio Frequency Amplification. Photos & Keystone, and by coursesy of Messa.

Burndept, Ltd., London, and Establissements G. M. R., Paris.

RADIO ENTERS BUILDING SPECIFICATIONS

R ADIO is fast becoming indispensable as a household service, not unlike permanent features such as light, power and heat. Radio receiving sets are now considered by architects as fixtures, and the details of wiring, battery space and antenna installation are being written into specifications.

One of the first radio homes—that is, with

facilities for radio built into the house—is that of Mr. L. E. Whittemore, Secretary of the Governmental Inter-Department Radio Advisory Committee. Before construction was begun, Mr. Whittemore explained his radio requirements to the architect, who included in the plans all radio facilities required by this engineer and enthusiast.

A non-metallic conduit pierces the study wall for a lead-in wire; another goes below to a special space in the cellar reserved for the batteries, while a third is for the ground lead. Another piece of conduit pipe will carry leads from the set to a floor or wall socket in the living room, where a loudspeaker may be installed if desired. that dire beg mar pub mou sale Ir was is o

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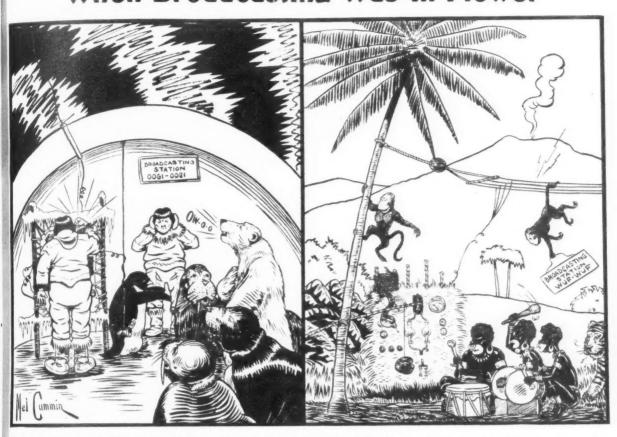
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Besides fixtures for erecting an aerial on the house-top, the owner plans to install two single, vertical loops in the north and west wall spaces of his study, the wires terminaling in special sockets for an antenna plug. 24

When Broadcasting Was In Flower



Back in the Days of Yore When Broadcasting Was in Flower the Polar Station Oogi-oogi Sending on a Temperature of 3 Below Zero, P. Marvelous Programs. The African Station WUF-WUF on 103 in the Shade Was No Mean Station Either. Their Jazz a la Cannibal Was Ears of a Deaf King. Both of These Stations Had Excellent Transmitters, Employing "Brute Force" Modulation. As Good as They Were, State that Neither Had Enthusiastic Audiences, the Reason Being of Course Because There Were No Receiving Sets. Were, it is Sad to

Radio Broadcasting Proving Great Aid To Music Industry By EDWARD T. JONES

WHEN Radio Broadcasting first began, no one knew just what effect it would have on the music industry. We all knew that it was a permanent thing, insofar as the American people were concerned and that it was spreading like wild-fire in every direction at a tremendous rate of speed. The beginning of very few industries were marked with such a period of enthusiasm,

publicity and enormous volume of actual

Interest at that time was so great that it is quite probable the music industry suffered an appreciable loss in sale of instruments as well as records, sheet and roll music. However, any

music. However, any fair minded music dealer will tell you (today) that his business is steadily increasing and that instead of being opposed to the broadcasting of music by radio he is ready to support it because it increases

It is said that the broadcasting of music by radio is an advertising and selling campaign for the music people by the radio not be possible for any corps of music concerns to duplicate it.

There is a phonograph in our home in addition to one of the best radio outfits we were able to get. We certainly could we were able to get. We certainly could not do without either of them. Each instrument means a lot to the family and I am positive that the loss of either would prove very disagreeable.

We have learned to rely to a certain extent on the radio installation for selecting radio broadcasting is doing more for the music industry than any one man, or body of men, ever endeavored to accomplish.

As the Quackenbush Company of Paterson, N. J., puts it, "The Radio Fan gets what he gets when he is getting it. The phonograph fan gets what he wants when he wants it." There is quite a difference and that difference makes it possible for both

industries to enjoy a healthy existence.

Everyone is cognizant of the marked difference which exists between the radio set and the phonograph. When preparing one's self for an afternoon musical concert, which is to be intercepted by the use of a radio receiver, you haven't the slightest idea as

to what kind of music you are going to have the pleasure of listening to. It may be classical, jazz or popular music. No matter what kind of a musical program you finally time in, there is no way of pre-determining the selections which constitute the evening's program. Therefore, it is true -that you have to get what you get when you're getting it.

Quite the contrary with the phonograph; (Continued on page 1128)

TO OWNERS OF PHONOGRAPH AND RADIO RECEIVING SETS

- 1-Which instrument is of most value to you insofar as entertainment is concerned?
 - 2-Which instrument do you prefer? Why?

pertinent fact????

- 3-Has Radio prompted you to purchase records?
 4-What difference do you think exists between the two as amusement devices?

our records. The selections played by one of the artists at one of the powerful broad-

casting stations may not be new ones, but they appeal to us and we must have them therefore, our trip to the music dealer

the next day in search of the selections we

chose the night before. DOES THIS IN-CREASE THE MUSIC DEALERS' BUSINESS?????? Who could deny this

Every indication points to the fact that

5-Do you believe radio helps or hurts the music business?

The Warning

By S. P. WRIGHT



Many things happen at sea that cannot be explained. The Captain had told him not to laugh at sailors' superstitions. Nor did he when the warning came. Read this gripping tale of the sea and its mystery.



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The Tuning Dial of My Set Was Turning: Slowly. Carefully, Smoothly. Turning to a Higher Wave: Turning as Though the Hand of an Experienced Operator Grasped the Knob, Exploring the Ether for a Signal. Up the Scale, a Slight Pause, and Down a Bit It Turned While I Stared, with Hamment Pulses.

OTS of things happen at sea, Sparks, that can't be accounted for; I don't admit to any more superstitions than the average sailorman, but I will say that I've heard of things—yes, and seen then!—that couldn't be explained by

I'm not quite sure how we got into the discussion, the four of us, but somehow the talk had shifted to sailors' superstitions, and, having scarcely shaken the dust of a small Ohio town from my feet. I had attempted to make light of them. Captain Harrison, as you have seen, promptly gave me their true value.

Nelson, the mate, nodded in his deliberate Scandinavian way, and Farrington, the second mate, cast a disapproving glance at me.

"Sparks may be a good radio man, Captain," said he, "but he's got a lot to learn about salt water. Living on the ocean may make a man a bit different, a little closer to nature, so to speak, or perhaps there's a special Providence for mariners; be that as it may ... Do you remember the case of the Eastern Queen, and the warning her master had the night before she piled up off the coast of China? Do you recall what McMasters, chief engineer of the old Glengarry

said before he died from exposure, after 11

days at sea in an open boat?"
Captain Harrison's gulf-water blue eyes had a far-away look in them as he replied:
"We don't have to go so far away or so far back as all that," said the "old man" quietly. "You haven't forgotten our last Sparks, have you?"

I knew by the looks that came over the faces of the other officers that the story was a tragic one. I said nothing, and waited for the Cartain to continue.

the Captain to continue.

"Robert Foster was the way he signed the ship's articles, and he had been Sparks of this old tanker for three years or more; one of the best operators I ever had. Perhaps you knew him?"

I shook my head in silence. Harrison went on with the story.

"He came into breakfast one morning looking rather downcast, which was unusual for him, and naturally, we asked him what was on his mind.

"I had a funny dream last night he told us, and went on to say that he had had what he called a 'warning.' Just exactly what his 'funny dream' was none of us ever did learn.

"That same day one of the halyards sup-

porting the aerial parted and Sparks insisted upon fixing it himself, as he always did. It sea-going operator should never have to all on a deckhand was the way he put it.

"Well, to cut the yarn short. Sparks in his hold, somehow, and crashed to the dek. He was still alive when we picked him and for a while we thought he would have it we were just a fer hours from Key West at the time, and regardless of orders, we put on every ounced cam and made for port so as to get proproactional attention for him."

Captain Harrison drew a deep breat and second for a moment to forget the rs of us; it was very evident that he had bee very much attached to the unfortunate operator.

"When he heard that we had changed or course, in spite of his suffering, he begged us to go on and not bother with him. We might as well have done so, for less that half an hour later—he died."

There was a suspicious brightness in the

Captain's eyes as he finished the story.

"We buried him at sea, as he requested when he knew he was slipping his mooring for the Last Cruise.

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Radioizing the Country School

By HAL G. BORLAND



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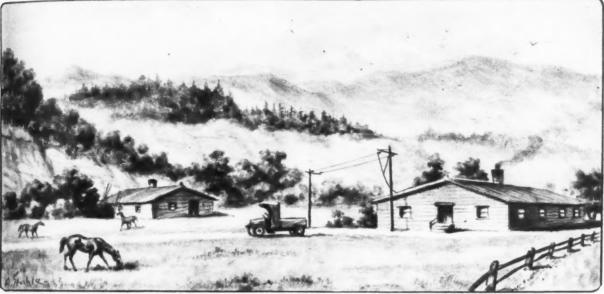
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Radioizing the country school is a new born idea and has met with great snecess in the West. Through the use of radio receiving sets, the country school children have access withe latest news of the day, the best music and various educational features that heretofore only the city children have had. Radio is certain to play an important part in the educational system of the future. It will cultivate more in the country school children than daily lessons.





Situated in Remote Localities Where People Speak of "The Outside World" the Country School Cannot Give to the Children the Same Broadening Education the City Children Receive. But with Radio Receiving Sets the Gap is Bridged, the Country Child is Able to Enjoy Music, Lectures, Talks by Celebrates on Any Number of Interesting Subjects. The Influence is Obvious.

EW England had her steamheated log school houses, and the Mississippi Valley instituted motorized transportation to centralized rural schools, but it remained for Colorado, that romantic land of gold miners, cowpunchers and sheep ranches, to bring out the combination of radio telephony and sod school houses.

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Out where old Pike's Peak each evening casts her cool shadow-mantle over the El Paso county plains there is a group of ranchmen and old-time pioneers who regard their rural schools as a part of their homes. And it is these men with their far-sighted sympathy, who have made the latest step forward in the methods of rural pedagogy. They have installed in several schools of El Paso county and the surrounding territory radio telephone receiving sets capable of receiving messages and concerts broadcast from stations in Denver, Kansas City and even as far away as San Francisco.

With this school year is being conducted a severe test of the practicability of radio in the rural school. And thus far it has come out a strong winner. Though a new movement, it is not limited to one struggling trial: throughout an entire district on the plains east of Colorado Springs the country schools are this year being "radioized."

One may now drive for miles without seeing a cultivated field, then, perhaps just after passing a large herd of range cattle, drive to the door of a sod school house of unimposing appearance and hear the voice of a Chicago opera star or the advice of a Los Angeles horticultural expert. For more than a year the ranchmen of this territory have been using radio apparatus to get market and weather

reports which are sent out from Denvet and Kansas City; and through the efforts of these "fans" the receiving sets were installed in the schools

installed in the schools.

Katherine L. Craig, State Superintendent of Public Instruction for Colorado, was approached by the ranchmen school directors last spring relative to the innovation. The rural folks wanted to know if the state superintendent would object to their installing the apparatus in their schools. They wanted to know what sort of official reaction there was to be to their "new fangled" idea.

to be to their "new fangled" idea.
"Excellent!" was the Superintendent's verdict. "It's the best idea I've heard of for a long time."

"Then you really think it would be all right if we went ahead and installed the receiving sets in the schools of our district?" inquired the leader of the delegation.

"I think it would be so much all right," answered the Superintendent, "that I am going to suggest the same thing to every school board in the state. It is one of the best ideas I've had presented in years. Go ahead and get your instruments and make use of them. I'll back you up, and I'll watch your progress with the deepest interest."

They went ahead as they had planned. A radio telephone receiving set was first bought and installed at the biggest school in their district—a centralized school with an attendance of more than 50. It was tried out and found to work successfully. Messages were received from the broadcasting stations not only in Denver but in Kansas City and even as far away as the West Coast.

Then other sets were purchased and installed in the smaller schools of the

territory They also were found to be satisfactory. Then things were left for the summer, and everything was all settled until school opened up this fall, about the middle of September. Some of them are holding short terms—some seven months and some eight months—but all are making extensive use of the radio.

A few days after school started at the big centralized school I was talking with Andy McComb, head of the school board and one of the old-time ranchmen of that territory—a man who holds several thousand acres of choice grazing land and who ships many cars of choice leeders to the Denver markets every year.

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"Everything is sittin' pretty," he grinned. "Couldn't ask for anything better.

All the kids are enthusiastic over the prospects for this year, we've got a good bunch of teachers, and the 'kid-wagons' "—motioning to a group of busses which gather up the youngsters every morning and take them home from school every night—"are all running on schedule."

"How's the new apparatus working?"
I was anxious to get Andy's opinion of the new radio outfit.

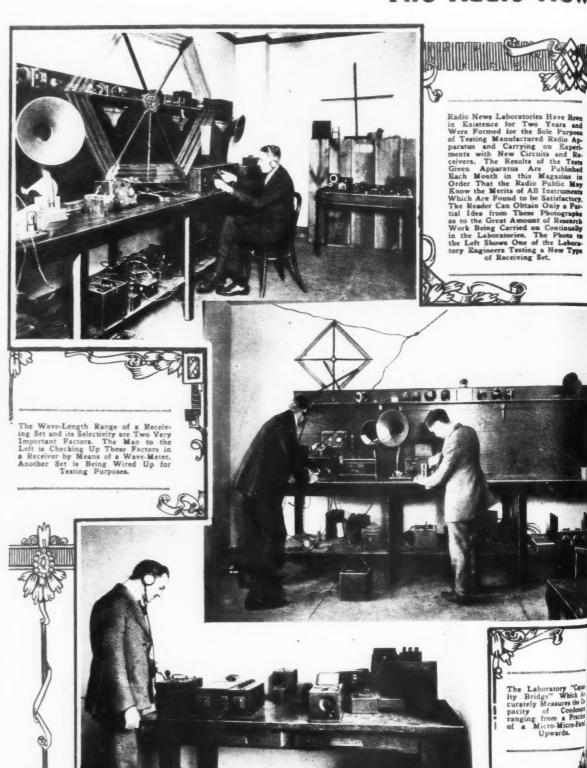
"What part of it do you mean?" He was beaming with pride. "You know we put in several new things this summer—the new heating system, the new ranges in the domestic science rooms, and the new radio outfit."

"The radio."

"Great!" Andy was thoroughly enthusiastic. "The first day we opened school they had a big concert in the afternoon, the whole thing broadcast from the Denver stations. And every day since then they've been getting stuff from all-

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Announcement of Standard Frequency Transmissions

THE Bureau of Standards is transmitting special signals of standard frequency about twice a month. The signals can be heard and utilized in general east of the Mississippi River.

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These special signals of standard frequency are of use to testing laboratories, transmitting station operators, and others, in checking wavemeters and adjusting transmitting and receiving apparatus. Their accuracy is better than three-tenths of one per cent. Information on how to use the signals was given in the February, 1923, issue of the Radio Service Bulletin. More detailed information is given in Bureau of Standards Letter Circular No. 92, which may be obtained, on application, from the Bureau of Standards, Washington, D. C.

All transmissions are by unmodulated continuous-wave telegraphy. A complete frequency transmission includes a "general call," a "standard frequency signal," and "announcements." The "general call" is given at the beginning of the eight-minute period and continues for about two minutes. This includes a statement of the frequency. The "standard frequency signal" is a series of very long dashes with the call letters WWV intervening. This signal continues for about four minutes. The "announcements" are on the same frequency as the "standard frequency signal" just transmitted, and contain a statement of the measured frequency. An announcement of the next frequency to be transmitted is then given. There is then a four-minute interval

while the transmitting set is adjusted for the next frequency.

The schedule is as follows:
Schedule of Frequencies in Kilocycles
(Approximate Wave-Lengths in Meters in
parentheses)

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	Eastern Standard Time					Jan. 21	Feb. 5	Feb. 20
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						(600)	(231)	(2000)
11	:12	to	11:20	P.	M.	600	1400	205
						(500)	(214)	(1463)
11	:24	to	11:32	P.	M.	700	1500	260
						(428)	(200)	(1153)
11	:36	10	11:44	P.	M.	833	1600	315
						(360)	(187)	(952)
11	:48	to	11:56	P.	M.	900	1700	370
						(333)	(176)	(810)
12	:00	to	12:08	A.	M.	1000	1800	435
						(300)	(167)	(689)
12	:12	10	12:20	A.	M.	1200	1900	500
						(250)	(158)	(600)
12	:24	to	12:32	A.	M.	1400	2000	570
						(214)	(150)	(526)

President Coolidge Addressing the 68th Congress



At the Clerk's Desk in the House of Representatives. President Calvin Coolidge Made His First Address to the toith Congress. This Was the First Time as the History of Radio Broadcasting that a President's Address to Congress Was Transmitted Through the Ether Direct to the Homes and Officer of Thousands Upon Thousands of Citizens. The Microphones that Picked Up President Coolidge's Voice and Transmitted It to the Broadcast Stations An Charley Shown in the Photograph. Wide World Photos.

Radio Reception in the Grand Canyon By S. R. WINTERS

CANARY bird chirping in a room in Los Angeles is heard in the depths of a canyon 400 miles distant. On August 10, a group of persons hemmed in by sheer walls of 2,000 feet of rock paid silent tribute to the late President Harding as his body was being lowered into the grave. The results of the first two games of the World's Series were listened to amid the roar of rushing waters in a gorge 20 miles from the nearest railroad. The same listeners on another occasion received the contents of their own telegram confirming their safety after a report had gained circulation that they had been killed by rapid and swelling currents dashing their boats against rocks.

If we were living in a period of the "Arabian Nights" instead of the twentieth century when scientific accomplishments encompass and even exceed the greatest flights of imagination one would be prone to attribute the events set forth in the preceding paragraph as dreams. In reality, however, this account is faithful to facts, and it is a tale of how radio, for the first time, invaded the roughest waters of 300 miles of the Grand Canyon of the Colorado River. This vehicle of communication was utilized

on a surveying expedition recently completed by an exploring crew of the Geological Survey, United States Department of Interior. It was the crew's only means of keeping in touch with civilization while on a two and one-half months' expedition down the river distinguished for its dangerous rapids.

The stringing of antenna wires across the roof of a house or placing a loop aerial in the corner of a room is, indeed, a tame undertaking compared with the thrill of planting a mast in a river bed and stretching a wire for nearly a hundred feet beside a rough-hewn mass of rock. A photograph illustrating this article portrays more graphically the picturesque arrangement than any text could hope to do. This antenna could be used for one evening, when it would be uprooted and transplanted to another point as the exploring party proceeded along its course.

The thrill of planting an antenna on soil heretofore not traversed or surveyed was great in itself. However, the experience of clamping head telephones on your ears, adjusting the dials of the receiving set in resonance with the ethereal world of concert and speech, while closeted in the depths of a

canyon, must be an unforgettable sensation. For instance, at Vasey's Paradise the exploring party filled their canteens, explored a large cave, made survey of a possible dam site, and camped on the limestone ledges at the head of another rapids. Here radio messages were received from KHJ, at Los Angeles, Cal., though not without static interference.

"The outstanding event received by rado telephone on this memorable trip," to quote an interview the writer had with Herman Stabler, a hydraulic engineer of the Geological Survey, "was the announcement of the death of President Harding. Camp was made at the head of Soap Creek rapids about eleven miles from Lee's Ferry, who the party learned of the death of the President, three-quarters of an hour after a occurred. This was probably before the majority of the people of the United States had heard the sad news. By the same means of communication, the crew remained idle of August 10, as a tribute of respect to the memory of the dead President." Mark Twain, who upon one occasion had been reported dead, denied the story by declaring the report was slightly exaggerated. Similarly, this crew of explorers not only cor-

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rected reports that they had been lost in a flood, but they had the supreme satisfaction of acknowledging, by radio, a telegram dispatched to Washington reporting their safe arrival at Diamond Creek.

The boats had just been overhauled and the radio telephone outfit repaired and installed at this point when KHJ, broadcast station operated by the Los Angeles Times, broadcast the telegram announcing

the safety of the party at Diamond Creek.

On September 8, within the depths of the canyon, the party, camping at the mouth of Tapeats Creek, heard by radio of the disas(Continued on page 1169)



Oberlin College Radio 8YAE



Station 8YAE is Well Laid Out and Lends a Pleasing Appearance to the Eye. The C.W. Set is Only a 10-Watter, But Has a 2-Amp. Kick that Jars Phones on the West Coast. There Are Two Receiving Sets; One a Single Circuit Regenerative, Covering 150 to 400 Meters; and the Other, a B.C. Receiver with Power Amplifier. Note the G.R. Wave-Meter to the Extreme Left of Table.

THE antenna system at 8YAE consists of a six-wire flat top 55' high and 75' long, swing between two of the college buildings. At the end of a 20' fan lead-in, a heavy stranded cable leads to the set which is located in one of the Physics Laboratory is located in one of the Physics Laboratory rooms on the third floor. The counterpoise covers an area of over 2,000 square feet directly beneath the antenna. It contains eight strands on 23' spreaders, and is 100' long. At a height of 15' above the ground, the CP, is the same distance below the transmitter as the antenna is above it, bringing the center of oscillation within the set The pipes of the city water system and the college heating plant are used as earth connection.

The C.W. transmitter employs two 5-watt tubes in a Colpitts circuit. The plates are supplied with 500 volts from an Acme 200-

watt transformer, and a chemical rectifier of 12 jars. Ordinary jelly glasses are used as containers for the electrolyte, a saturated solution of Borax. The plates are 6"x½" lead and aluminum strips, bolted together and supported in the solution by a wooden crosspiece. The height may be varied so that any surface may be immersed. A filter system consisting of two 2-mfd, condensers and a 15 h. choke renders the note very pleasing and easy to copy according to all reports on the signals. The regular operating wave-length is 220 meters with an antenna current of 1.8 to 2.0 amperes. Some experiments on the lower waves brought good results as low as 180 meters. The plate milliammeter usually reads about 105, and the filaments are burned at a constant voltage of 7.8 A.C. supplied from the tertiary of the power transformer.

The receiving equipment includes two complete sets, one for use on amateur wavelengths, and the other for the reception of broadcast programs. On the left of the antenna switch is the single circuit receives used exclusively for relay work. It is a home-made set employing the circuit used in the Grebe CR-5 with one stage of audio frequency amplification. The latter is found amply sufficient for all DX work, even when using the small indoor receiving acrist for using the small indoor receiving aerial for working through heavy QRN. It cow the wave-lengths from 150 to 400 meters. It covers

On the table to the right of the transmitter is the broadcast receiver. This set was built up in the laboratory and is used in connection with the weekly radio concerts given for students in the Physics lecture hall. Either a three-circuit regenerative or a non-regenerative unit may be used with this set. Two stages of radio frequency and one of audio are provided. The last unit on the right is a power amplifier and loud speaker. With this outfit, musical programs have been heard with remarkable clearness several hundred feet from the loud speaker.

Radio 8YAE has been in active operations since the first of the year. A staff of four operators has kept the traffic total well up each month. In addition to this, the DX records made by the 10-watt transmitter are worthy of mention. Of some interest also is the manner in which these records are recorded in graphic forms.

recorded in graphic form.

A large map of the United States we mounted on a sheet of Beaver Board, and a quantity of colored map pins secured to show the location of stations worked, head and reporting. In the course of the let and reporting. In the course of the lat season the pins have pretty well covered the map from one coast to the other and from Canada to the Gulf. Reliable communitation has been established with every district on the coast to the other and from Canada to the Gulf. in the United States and Canada, the beworking records being with 6XAD in Au-lon, California, and 7SC in Aberdeen, Wash ington. On many occasions, the signals of 8YAE have been reported QSA at various points on the Pacific Coast. C. W. Thatcher (GX), Chief Operator, 263 Elm St., Oberlin, Obs.

Low-Power C. W. Records In Australia

REMARKABLE records in low-power C.W. transmission have been made by Mr. Maclurcan, of Strathfield, New South Wales, Australia. Mr. Maclurcan conducted a series of tests with Mr. Hull, a Melbourne amateur, and starting with a power of a little transmission. EMARKABLE records in low-power more than seven watts, gradually reduced nore than seven watts, gradually reduced his power until he was transmitting on as low a power as .078 watt. The signals throughout were clearly received, and Mr. Hull signaled to Mr. Maclurcan asking him to reduce still further. On the following night Mr. Maclurcan again carried out tests with Mr. Hadl and again carried out tests with Mr. Hull, and succeeded in transmitting messages which were quite readable in Melbourne, although commercial stations were working, on a power of .044 watt. stations

Later on he again reduced the power, this time to .012 watt, and although some of the signals were received in Melbourne, atmospheric disturbances resulted in others not being readable. Mr. Maclurcan's meas-uring instruments were read by a separate observer, and later were checked by Mr. Joseph, an expert, and were found to be correct to within one per cent.

In view of the success met with during the Melbourne tests, Mr. Maclurcan resolved to carry out further low-power transmission work, this time over longer distances, and

commenced a series of tests with Mr. Bell, of Waihemo, Shag Valley, New Zealand.

Commencing with a power of 7 wait, he gradually reduced to .04 watt, then to .01 watt, and finally to .0037 watt. Mr. Bell

replied that the signals were strong at steady throughout, even on the lowest pour. In this case also the readings at Mr. Machine can's station were made by neutral observ

CORRECTION

In reference to the diagram of Fig. 11 the article, "A Well Designed Short Wan Receiver," appearing in the January Receiver, the ground connection should be eliminated With its use it is not possible to get bell 180 meters. Furthermore, the latter port of the caption of Fig. 2 should read, "Is to be noted that the H.F. resistance of solid wire increases very rapidly with a crease of wave-length.

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Hamitorial WHAT IS DX?

A few nights ago we were listening in, hoping to pick up something worth while. The twos came roaring in, the threes were fair and the eights and nines pushed against the diaphragms in fine fashion. While feeling around we struck a five, two sevens and a number of fours. "DX", said we to the gang in the corner repairing a 220 to 550

"Yea," said they, "who did ya get?" "A five, two sevens and some fours," we

answered. "How come DX?" piped up one. "You ought to get flocks of sixes with that layout of yours;"—from all of which the question arises, when is DX and when isn't it?

Did you ever stop to think this over?
What do we mean by DX. Everything What over 1,000 miles, no matter whether the receiver used is a one-lunger or a Super-Heterodyne, or anything we may personally think is long distance? The "Calls heard" column means nothing to us unless we know what kind of a receiver was used and the power of the stations logged. Where is the line to be drawn? Since physical charac-teristics of a location have much to do with reception, it is impossible to set ranges for one-lungers or Super-Heterodynes, or any other kind of a receiver, even unto the loop. Won't some of you Hams relieve our minds? Don't tell us though, that anything over 1,000 miles or 1,500 miles is DX, because if you do, we will install a super-heterodyne dingbatoflex and make it local stuff! In conclusion we ask, where does DX start?

SINCE WHEN?

We had occasion to ask three Hams the other day what kind of receivers they had. One said, "A single circuit regenerative," which we found was of the feed-back va-riety. Another said, "A two-circuit regenerative" which we were informed had a single coil shunted by a V.C. and a vari-meter in the plate circuit. The third Ham "A three-circuit regenerative"; you know, two variometers and a vario-coupler. Now we ask you, since when? Ham No. 1 has a single circuit set. Ham No. 2 takes out the tickler coil and sticks in a variomeout the tickler coil and sucks in a various ter, and lo and behold, it becomes a two-circuit set! Ham No. 3 uses a primary and secondary and a plate variometer, so he has a three-circuit set. What we want to know is, why the tickler coil is disregarded. The plate circuit is controlled by the tickler coil, just as in case No. 2 and No. 3 the plate

circuit is controlled by the vari-ometer. So far as we're con-cerned, Ham No. 1 has a two-circuit tuner. Try and make us think different. Of course, if we are speaking of the number of knobs and dials, that's a different matter. If Ham No. 1 wants a single-circuit tuner he's got to take the tick-ler coil out. What say?

WATCH YOURSELF!

There are some umpty ump thousand broadcast listeners in the United States at the present time, and the majority of this gang can be termed radio bugs, meaning they are nuts about radio. They aren't happy unless they can experiment

John L. Reinartz and His Balanced C.W. Transmitter with Which He Worked French 8AB for Two Hours for Two Hours Straight, on the Evening of November 27. 8AB Uses the Same Cir-cuit and Both He and Reinartz Have Been Work-ing on Been Working on a
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with all the new circuits and if they can't hear KHJ or WJZ, depending upon whether they are on the west or east coast, they can at least say they do. This is perfectly all right, as a good radio man shouldn't let golfers and fishermen put anything over on him when it comes to stories. When it comes to radio bugs, though, you can't beat a dyed-in-the-wool Ham. If some one in the morning him that Litz doesn't compare with No. 14 D.C.C., he argues about it the rest of the day. He is more nuts about it than the average BCL. He eats, sleeps and talks radio. He is off—completely spoofy. We know a young Ham who radiates radio. One night he was heard to say in his prayers: "Dear Lord, this is Sammy sending, please QSY to 150 meters, there is QRM on 200."

The moral is: Lay off once in a while or you'll go batty. Don't be a Boiled Owl more than two nights a week. See the girl once in a while (and for the OW's, take a shot at a romantic movie) and ease up on that portion of your brain that has to work overtime on radio matters.

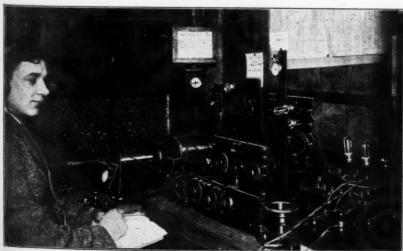
Calls Heard

This space is set aside each month for the listing of amateur calls heard. We invite you to send us a list of the stations you have heard, typewritten if possible, or at least sufficiently readable to prevent mistakes. Print the calls on a separate sheet of paper, using but one side. These should be arranged alphabetically for each district. To distinguish the stations that have been worked, they should be put in parenthesis, and, according to the rules now in use, the C.W. stations should be mentioned in a separate list. The lists should reach us by the first of the month for publication in the following issue.

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1AF, 1ASI, 1BES, 1BGC, 1BOM, 1CMP, 1CRW, 1DD, 1DE, 1FB, 1GL, 1II, 1MC, 1RR, 1YB, 1YK, 2ABG, 2ADB, 2AFS, 2AGC, 2AGX, 2AU, 2BDO, 2BEM, 2BOH, 2BTX, 2BUM, 2BY, 2BYF, 2BZV, 2CKN, 2CXD, 2CXL, 2FH, 2GK, 2BND, 3BCV, 3CMD, 2CXL, 2FH, 2GK, 2BND, 3BCV, 3CMD, 3BCV, 3CMD, 3BCV, 3BDO, 3BCC, 3BGT, 3BMN, 3BOF, 3BOP, 3BVN, 3BWT, 3GBL, 3CFV, 3CHG, 3CJM, 3HK, 3IG, 3JJ, 3ME, 3NF, 3OO, 3TR, 3UU, 3WA, 3WB, 3XA, 3ZO, 4AY, 4BE, 4DB, 4DM, 4CD, 4JH, 4JU, 4KC, 4KU, 4MB, 4OA, 4OM, 4OF, 4UU, 4ZA, 5ABD, 5ABY, 5ACO, 5AFS, 5AGJ, 5AJJ, 5AIR, 5AIU, 5AMF, 5AMH, 5AMS, 5AN, 5BM, 5BX, 5CT, 5DA, 5EK, 5ER, 5FK, 5FV, 5GI, 5GI, 5GN, 5GM, 5HL, 5HT, SIA, 5IF, 5IN, 5JN, 5KS, 5LR, 5ME, 5MI, 5MK, 5OV, 5GN, 5GM, 5SM, 5SK, 5SL, 5UK, 5UP, 5WO, 5XA, 3ZAS, 5ZAV, 5ZH, 5ZZ, 6ANB, 6ASK, 6ASU, 6AVV, 6AWT, 6BCL, 6BUA, 6CGW, 6TM, 6ZAH, 6ZAS, 6ZV, 6ZZ, 7BF, 9AAS, 9AAU, 9AAW, 9ACO, 9AFU, 9AGN, 9AHV, 9AIC, 9AIM, 9AM, 9AWY, 9AY, 9BAUS, 9BAU, 9BG, 9BES, 9BEZ, 9BFI, 9BFP, 9BG, 9BMN, 9BIS, 19BJO, 9BKC, 9BKH, 9BKV, 9BUO, 9BVN, 9BZI, 9BZI, 9CCP, 9CCP, 9CCP, 9CCP, 9CCP, 9CCP, 9CCP, 9CUP, 9CCP, 9CUP, 9CCP, 9CUP, 9CCP, 9CUP, 9CCP, 9CUP, 9CCP, 9CUP, 9 (Continued on page 1158)



Mr. Florsham and His Station 2UV, London, England. A 10-Watt C.W. and Phone Set Employing the 1DH Circuit is Doing Service. 2 UV Says He is Going to Jack Up His Power for the Trans-Atlantics.

American Hams are QSA at His Station.

Remote Control of a High Power Radio Station



By CHARLES SPEAKER, R.E., Navy Department

Describing the system on trial at the radio station, Arlington, Va. A similar arrangement might be used by the amateur whose transmitter is located at a distance from the receiver.



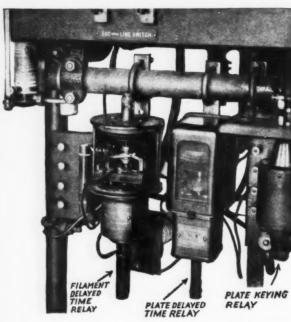


Fig. 1. Photograph of the Remote Control System Employed at the Naval Station at Arlington, Va. The the Naval Station at Arlington, Va. The Keying Circuits Are Situated at Washington, D. C. A Press of One of the Transmitting Keys Automatically Starts the Motor Generator and Lights the Filaments of the Tubes. A Release of the Key for More Than Fifteen Seconds Automatically Closes Down the Transmitter.

S most of the readers of RADIO NEWS probably know, it is not customary for the keying operator of a large radio shore station to be located at the transmitting station itself. He is usually at some "message center," miles away, and keys the transmitter over a telegraph line. For example, the high power Naval Annapolis is controlled over a wire arc at from Washington, D. C., a distance of about Likewise the high power Alexforty miles. anderson alternator station of the Radio Corporation of America at Rocky Point, Long Island, is controlled from the Radio Corporation message center at 64 Broad St., New York City.

The receiving apparatus over which the keying operator receives answers to his messages is usually located at the message cen-At Arlington the message center is located in the Army and Navy building, Washington, D. C. There are two of these, one is used by the Army and the other by the Navy. Both services handle outgoing traffic through the Arlington station. The Army Arlington traffic is sent out with call letters
WXY and the Navy uses the old NAA call.

SIMPLEX AND DUPLEX OPERATION

Of course, the apparatus at the message center may be so arranged that the keying operator receives answers to the messages by listening in on the receiver at the close of each message. This method of handling traffic is called simplex operation. Often, however, the keying operator does nothing but transmit leaving the receiving to be done by another operator seated beside the keying This method is called duplex operator. operation It will be at once evident that the duplex

method of operation results in greatly increased speed of handling traffic. When the When the keying operator does not have to wait for an answer to his messages he can send to many stations within a given traffic period. The duplex system results in systematic traffic in such a way that it can be handled on a schedule basis. It eliminates a good deal of the useless calling in "raising" a station to which the usual non-scheduled simplex method is subject. A very important advantage is that full use is made of the transmitting machinery during a traffic period for it does not have to run idle while the keying operator listens, as in simplex.

THE ORDER WIRE

When the keying operator is located at the distant message center, certain important problems connected with the starting and

stopping of the transmitting apparatus arise. It has been the practice to provide an "or-der wire" between the message center and the transmitting station over which the keying operator can tell the operator on watch at the station when to start the motor-generators or light the filaments of the transmitting tubes. The use of such an order wire means that there must be the closest co-operation between keying operator and station operator if no time is to be lost in handling the traffic. The order wire is at best a troublesome arrangement.

In the case of the Arlington alternating current tube transmitter which is now handling the 2650-meter broadcast formerly done by the Fessenden spark, it was decided to make the transmitter completely remote-controlled from the message center, doing away with the order wire. The require-ments for such complete automatic remote control may be summarized as follows:

(a) Automatic means must be provided for starting and stopping the motor-generator when the keying operator wishes to begin or has finished sending messages.

Automatic means must be provided for lighting and extinguishing the filaments of the vacuum tubes prior to starting and at the close of operation.

(c) Means must be provided for preventing the application of plate voltage to the tubes until the filaments have come up to full brilliancy. Otherwise the tubes may be damaged.

(d) Means must be provided for remote "keying" of the transmitter, that is, starting and stopping the antenna current as the operator makes dots and dashes.

REMOTE CONTROL SYSTEM AS USED AT ARLINGTON

The above requirements have been met in the case of the new Arlington alternating-current tube transmitter by the use of socalled delayed time limit relays which are shown in the close-up view of the left front corner of the transmitter, Fig. 1. Power station men will recognize these relays as a modified form of the protective inverse time limit relays which are provided at generating station switchboards to protect the machines

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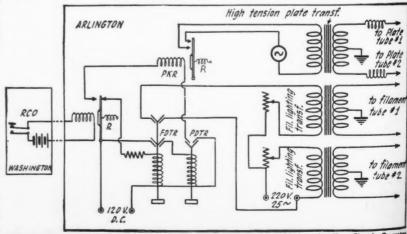


Fig. 2. Complete Circuit Diagram of the Remote Control System. Closing the Key Circuit Operate the First Relay Which in Turn Closes the Circuits to the Delayed Time and Plate Keying Relays

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Transient Phenomena In Audio Frequency Transformers



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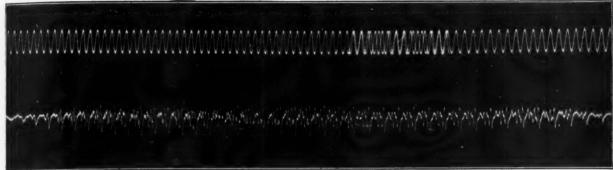
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We are pleased to have the opportunity of publishing this article on audio frequency transformers. Mr. Cardwell has revealed the important considerations in transformer design and points out the limitations of those on the market at the present time. You are sure to find this an interesting discourse.





Very Few People Have a Conception of What the Engineer Has to Contend with in the Design of Audio Frequency Amplifying Transformers. The Above Oscillogram Will Serve to Illustrate. At the Top is Shown a Pure Sine Wave or Alternating Current and Directly Below, a Similar Wave After Having Been Modulated by Ever-Changing Voice Frequencies. In Order to Amplify This Complicated Wave Without Distortion, the Transformer Must Be So Designed as to Amplify Equally All Frequencies Encompassed by Speech and Music and to Immediately Respond to Their Rapid Variations.

O much has been written and published in the radio press upon the subject of audio frequency amplifying systems that it might be deemed presumptious to come forward at this hour with unorthodox ideas as to the basic principles underlying the problems involved. It does seem, however, that some very important considerations have been left untouched by practically every savant upon the subject—and upon these points, it is my hope to suggest some hypotheses which may prove interesting, if not scientifically conclusive.

In audio frequency amplification, we are generally dependent upon vacuum tubes coupled by transformers. Thus we have essentially a progressive set of relays intended to control higher and higher voltage and current variations so that on the output side, the original signal strength may be increased some 300 or 3,000 times—enough to operate loud-speaking devices.

An audio transformer is partly a voltage amplifier and partly a loading device of such constants as to utilize the tube at maximum efficiency. In this respect, we begin to deal immediately with such well-known factors as tube impedance, turn ratios, mutual conductance, etc. So we have an ocean of technical verbosity in which to swim in any direction for an interminable period of time without reaching any particular island of fact in practical results.

It is from this theoretical conception of the duties of an audio transformer that we have been led to believe that the amplification factor of a transformer at different frequencies begins to tell the efficiency of the device—a questionable assumption. In telephone parlance, when we express the "miles of cable amplification" of a transformer at different frequencies we have derived a curve of the particular instrument and from this we can note its efficiency—at least this is the popular practice.

As a general rule, the "curve" of the transformer is dependent upon the "average" efficiency of the transformer at different frequencies which in audio considerations vary between 50 and 5,000 cycles.

The significant fact proved in practise, although not accepted by present-day engineers, is that such curves mean very little because we are dealing with constantly changing minute variations and not "voice envelopes," which are the assumed frequencies in the sense in which these measurements are generally made.

An audio transformer depends not upon its steady alternating voltage as represented by the voice envelope, but upon its instantaneous reluctance at all phases of a highly complex impressed voltage.

The static characteristic of a transformer when tested in a laboratory, may be as symmetrical as you please, but it has no practical value in estimating audio frequency effects.

The sound of "O" for example impressed upon an ideal diaphragm and transferred in voltage variation upon the grid of a tube, will have a characteristic envelope due to the timbre and pitch of the speaker's voice. If this voice envelope is analyzed when it is impressed upon the transmitting diaphragm, and when it is emitted from the receiving telephone it will be evident that quite a little has happened to it.

TRANSMITTERS ARE STILL IMPERFECT

First, the transmitting devices in practical use are not perfect, otherwise there would be less criticism of the modulation effected by hundreds of broadcast stations. We have mechanical inertia effects, echo and blast effects, resonant effects, damping effects—a dozen or so factors due to the character and shape of the material used to pick up the sound and to transmute it into electrical values to the grid of the first tube or tubes.

At the other end, we have the same difficulties operating upon our telephone receivers only in a more acute form, because all the distorting effects of the microphone, tube and telephone coils, are now affecting another diaphragm which is also subject to inertia, resonance, damping and hysterisis.

These defects we find very common in commercial telephone systems in spite of years of the most intensive engineering research and an enormous investment devoted to overcoming line problems such as cross-talk, voltage drops, inductance and capacity effects, microphone and receiver sensitivity. While there is considerable distortion on wire telephone systems it is not necessarily objectionable because we do not commonly use the telephone for esthetic purposes such as listening to concerts, coloratura sopranos or dramatic readers. The line telephone is utilitarian—it is for the communication of spoken words, and as long as the speaker is understood we accept it as satisfactory.

Obviously, we are dealing with no very simple problem. Audio currents can become even more difficult to analyze than those of radio frequency. The telephone engineers have put in years of patient and exhaustive toil upon the subject and most of them will admit that they still have a few problems left to work upon. It is, therefore, a proper caution to the average radio student to advise that he be not too confident of his knowledge on the audio side of his receiver. For example, the characteristic of the vacuum tube may introduce abnormal variations of part of the signal intensity where the impressed voltage passes the straight portion of the characteristics.

We seldom can draw a true curve of a single tone or sound which is pure or which repeats itself on every cycle without variation. It will, if the sound is continued the proper fraction of the second, go through a series of repeating patterns, but seldom does this help us, because, for practical purposes, we are dealing with sounds as we use them in music, singing or speaking.

Fourier showed that any complex wave form could be reduced to fundamental wave forms. In natural speech or music these wave forms are not simple sine form waves, but are made up of many component higher frequencies. Otherwise one person would speak about the same as another and one violin would be about as good as another, whereas, they are individually recognizable by their endless variation.

If, instead of using a telephone receiver to transmit the message via the auditory nerves, we would use an oscillograph or a needle scratching these voice variations on a smoked glass cylinder, we would have rather difficult work in deciphering the speech because the transient variations are only intelligible when scrambled together.

Furthermore, no two ears hear the same sounds in the same way. Some are more responsive to certain frequencies than to other frequencies.

However, let us forget all these obstacles and let us consider simply the characteristic action of an audio transformer as an electrical device.

In a general way we understand that if we vary the voltage on the primary winding of a transformer, the secondary voltage will be more greatly varied if it contains a larger number of turns, the inductance of which is part of the field of the primary. Any text book on radio will give you this general basis and it seems obvious at first glance that if the turn ratio were run up far enough, we could produce almost any degree of signal increase we desired.

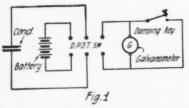
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The Theory, Construction and Use of an Inductance-Capacity Bridge By PALMER H. CRAIG



Although the theory, construction and use of inductance-capacity bridges have been taken up numerous times in the past, none have managed to put the subject before the scientific experimenter and amateur in so concise a manner as Mr. Craig has succeeded in doing in this article.





The Arrangement for a Simple Methol of Measuring Capacity.

LTHOUGH the terms "inductance" and "capacity" are two of the most common in radio, and although practically every text book or magazine article dealing with radio gives critical values for the inductances or capacities in question, nevertheless there is a particular dearth of practical data in regard to the actual measurement of these most important quantities. The object of this paper is to give practical information on the theory, construction and use of an instrument which will measure these values with a very high degree of accuracy.

The design of the inductance-capacity

The design of the inductance-capacity bridge described in this paper is such that the number of parts is cut to the minimum for the benefit of the amateur who has little money to spend, the main parts of the instrument being used for the measurements of both inductance and capacity, and the whole being combined in one instrument instead of the usual two separate instruments.

THEORY

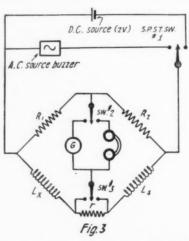
Probably the simplest method of measuring capacity is by means of the ballistic galvanometer as seen in Fig. 1. When a capacity C is charged to a potential V, the condenser contains a quantity of electricity Q, where Q = CV. Q is expressed in coulombs if C is in farads and V in volts. If this quantity of electricity is suddenly discharged through a ballistic galvanometer, the resulting deflection will be proportional to Q, so that Q = kD, where D is the deflection of the galvanometer, and k is the galvanometer con-

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The Wheatstone Bridge Method for Measuring Inductance.

stant, i.e., the number of coulombs required to produce a deflection of one centimeter. In order to determine k, connect a condenser of known capacity to a cell of known voltage, and after the condenser has charged for a second, discharge it by means of the D.P.D.T. switch into a galvanometer. Reverse the terminals of the battery and repeat. Use the mean of these two deflections to calculate k. Now with a cell of known voltage and a condenser of unknown capacity we can calculate C by means of the above equations.

The ballistic galvanometer method just described is, however, not sufficiently accurate for radio purposes and will give only a rough approximation to the true value of capacitance. The method is, nevertheless, of great help as a first step toward the actual value to be determined by the more accurate method to be de-



A Simplified Arrangement for Measuring Inductance with the Use of a Wheatstone Bridge.

scribed later, because it is often extremely difficult to guess even a rough approximation to the true value, and in the Wheatstone bridge method set forth in this article it is very helpful to know roughly the approximate limits between which the correct value of the condenser lies, especially in the case of condensers of large capacity where approximation by the Wheatstone bridge method is rather tedious owing to the relatively large dielectric loss resistance of large condensers having dielectric other than air.

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The fundamental principles of the Wheatstone bridge for the measurement of resistance are probably familiar to every advanced amateur or, if not, may be found in any college textbook on elementary physics, such as "A Text Book of Physics," by W. Watson; "College Physics," by Kimball, or "A Text Book of Physics" by Duff. An adaptation of the Wheatstone bridge for the measurement of inductances is given in Fig. 2. In this diagram L, and L, are the known and unknown inductances respectively, r, r, R, R, are non-inductive resistances, the

latter two comprising a ratio arm so that the unknown inductances may be measured far beyond the normal range of the standard known inductances. The operation of this bridge is as follows: (cf. Laboratory Manual by L. M. Alexander, Page 25). A balance is first obtained on D.C. (one 2-volt storage cell being used as a source of D.C.) by adjustment of r_1 and r_2 . R_1 and R_2 are set at approximately the correct value before adjustment of r_1 and r_2 is begun. When the bridge is balanced on D.C. we have

 r_1 $i_1 = r_2$ i_2 A.C., from a microphone hummer or buzzer, is then thrown on, and the variable self-inductance L_1 is adjusted until a minimum sound is heard in the telephone receivers. Since the resistances have not been changed, the D.C. relations hold for resistance, and the only change is the inductive drop caused by the A.C. For a balance this drop across arm 1 must equal that across arm 2 and is: $e = 2\pi i L_1$

where f is the frequency of the A.C. source. The drop due to the inductance in arms 1 and 2 will be

 $E_1 = 2\pi f L_1 i_1$ $E_2 = 2\pi f L_2 i_1$

Since the drops must be equal for a balance

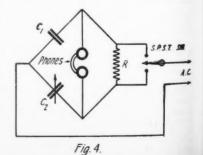
Since there is no inductance in R_1 and R_2 R_2 $i_1 = R_2$ i_2

Dividing one equation by the other, the bridge relation is

$$\frac{L_i}{L_i} = \frac{R_i}{R_i}$$

Thus, knowing the ratio between R₁ and R₂, and L₃ being known, we can calculate L₂ immediately.

Fig. 3 is a simplified form of Fig. 2. In this arrangement switches 1 and 2 (which in practice should be combined in one D.P.D.T. switch) switch the source of supply from D.C. to A.C., and at the same time switch the method of detection from galvanometer to phones. R₁ and R₂ are the ratio arms and L₂ and L₃ are respectively the unknown and known inductances. Switch 3 throws the D.C. balancing resistance, r, into either the L₃ arm or the L₅ arm. This arrangement provides a very reliable method for the measurement of inductance, and is the type employed in this paper. The author has, however, combined with this instrument a method of measuring capacity

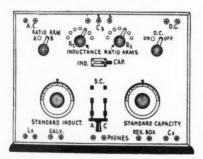


An Adaption of the Wheatstone Bridge for the Measurement of Capacity.

which follows similar lines. Fig. 4 gives the simplified capacity bridge hook-up which is here employed. Fig. 4 is again an adaptation of the Wheatstone Bridge principle, wherein the unknown condenser, C₁, is balanced with the variable condenser of known capacity, C₂. When a minimum sound is heard in the phones the balanced condition has been reached. A variable known resistance R is so arranged that it can be thrown into either arm for a ratio balance. This enables us to determine capacities far beyond the range of the known condenser; thus with the proper ratio, capacities many times that of the standard condenser can be read, or on the other hand, capacities much smaller than the lowest appreciable reading on the standard can be had by simply adjusting the value of the resistance and throwing it into the desired arm.

CONSTRUCTION

Fig. 3 for the measurement of inductance, and Fig. 4 for the measurement of capacity are combined in Fig. 5, which gives the internal wiring of the complete inductance-capacity bridge. Fig. 6 gives the external panel layout of the instrument. The apparatus comprises a standard inductance consisting of a variometer which has been calibrated accurately, a calibrated condenser, a set of inductance ratio arm resistances of known value, and switches. The calibration of the variometer, condenser, and resistances will be done by the Bureau of Standards for a small fee, or any well equipped college physics laboratory should be able to do it. Sometimes the makers of the better class of instruments can furnish a calibration curve of the particular instrument which you buy. It is well to buy the finest variometer and condenser obtain-



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Fig. 6

Panel Layout of the Inductance-Capacity Bridge Showing the Position of Each Control.

able for this purpose, because it is essential that the constants of the instru-ment should not change to any great extent, otherwise the readings will be inaccurate. A master anti-capacity switch (a 4-pole double throw switch) ployed to switch the instrument from an inductance bridge to a capacity one. The small switch to the upper left in Fig. 6 is used to switch the resistance (connected to the binding posts at the lower right, marked "Res. Box") from one arm of the bridge to the other. This resist-ance, which should be one of known value, may be either the well known Leeds & Northrup 0-10,000-ohm type or a similar instrument. The amateur may construct such a resistance by winding accurate lengths of thin resistance wire on spools and arranging a switching system so that the resistance may be varied in steps of 1, 10, 100, and 1,000 ohms. The resistance per unit length of any wire may be obtained from the manufacturer's catalog or from the Electrical Engineers' Handbook. The instrument

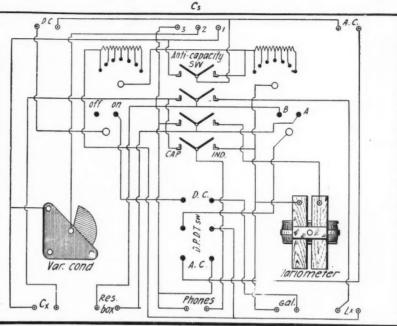


Fig.5

Complete Schematic Diagram of the Inductance-Capacity Bridge Which is a Combination of the Circuits of Figs. 3 and 4.

should have a maximum resistance of 10,-000 ohms. This resistance is used as a ratio arm when capacities are being measured, and as a D.C. balancing resistance when inductances are being measured.

The inductance ratio arms in the upper center of Fig. 6 can be made by the ama teur in exactly the same way as the ratio arm resistance described above. Both of these inductance ratio arm resistances should be as near non-inductive as possible. They should be varied in steps of 1, 10, 100, and 1,000 ohms. These resistances are used only for the measurement of inductance.

The upper right-hand small switch in Fig. 6 throws the D.C. supply on or off. The direct current should be obtained from two dry cells or a single storage cell and is used only for the D.C. balance on inductive measurements.

The miniature double pole double throw switch in the lower center of Fig. 6 is used to change the electrical supply from D.C. to A.C. in inductive measurements. When capacitances are being measured this switch is always on "A.C."

The A.C. supply may consist of an ordinary radio test buzzer having a high note, or a microphone hummer may be used for better results. It is desirable that the A.C. supply have as near a pure sine wave as possible, and harmonics should be avoided in order to facilitate finding the minimum point when testing.

THE INSTRUMENT IN USE

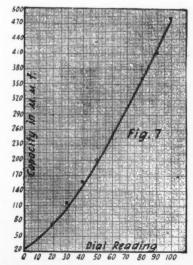
To measure capacitance, connect the test buzzer or other source of A.C. to the posts marked "AC." Connect the unknown capacity to posts marked " C_x " (see Fig. 6), and connect phones and resistance box to their respective binding posts. The three posts marked C_s are for the purpose of shunting the standard variable condenser by a fixed standard condenser or putting such an auxiliary condenser in series with the standard. In the first case connect the auxiliary condenser to posts marked 1 and 2. In the second case to posts 2 and 3. At all times

except when the auxiliary condenser is in series, the posts 2 and 3 should be bridged externally. Ordinarily the auxiliary condenser is not necessary (and posts 2 and 3 are bridged), but this condenser is employed only when working at the extreme points of the scale, i.e. when measuring very high or very low capacities. When the auxiliary condenser is used its value should be calculated with that of the standard for the determination of the unknown. If shunted, add the capacity of the auxiliary condenser to that of the standard variable; if put in series, use the formula

$$\frac{1}{C_1} = \frac{1}{C_2} + \frac{1}{C_3}$$

where C_1 is the combined capacity of the auxiliary and standard, C_2 that of the standard, and C_3 that of the auxiliary condenser.

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Typical Calibration Curve of a 43-Plate Variable Condenser.

The Balanced Feed-Back Power Amplifier

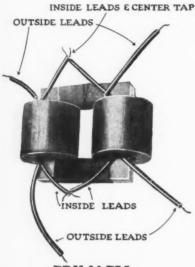


By CLYDE J. FITCH

An interesting and comprehensive article on a new form of audio frequency amplifier which contains a number of improvements over similar types. Standard push-pull transformers are used.



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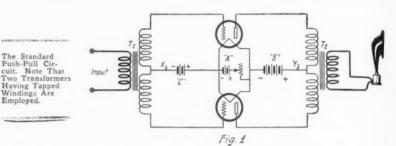


PRIMARY

An Improvised Push-Pull Transformer, Two Similar Coils Mounted on One Core Form a Very Efficient Instrument, Having Center Taps in Both Primary and Secondary Circuits.

T seems to be the practice of the present day to evolve new vacuum tube cirthe main idea being to simplify the apparatus and make one or two tubes do the work that previously required three or four. Most of the work along this line has been with regenerative and radio frequency amplifying circuits. Little has

same two tubes connected so as to give one more stage of parallel amplification. While one tube has positive feed-back and tends to howl, the other has negative feedback and absorbs and prevents howling. two effects exactly balance each other and allow the entire output to be fed back to the input. In consequence, this circuit is equivalent to one step of push-pull amplification and one step of straight amplification coil connect to the grids of the tubes, as shown, so that one tube is always operated 180 degrees out of phase with the other. In other words, when the grid of one is positive, the grid of the other is one is positive, the grid of the other is negative. The primary coil of the output transformer T2 has a center tap which con-nects to the "B" battery. The two ends of this coil connect to the plates of the tubes, which are also 180 degrees out of



with two tubes in parallel, which, of course, in the ordinary circuit would require a total of four tubes. In actual practice, however, it can be assumed to be equal to a threestage transformer coupled amplifier, except that only two tubes and two push-pull trans-formers are required. Theoretically it will give four times the amplification and twice the output of a two-stage amplifier.

Two Transform. Having Tapped Windings Are Employed.

THE CONNECTIONS

Before describing the circuit in detail, we will first discuss the action of the standard push-pull amplifier, as shown in the diagram. This circuit requires two pushpull transformers, which are similar to or-dinary audio frequency amplifying trans-

In This Circuit Only One Push-Pull Transformer is Employed. The

is Employed. The
Use of a Loud
Speaking Phone in
the Plate Circuit
of Each Tube
Eliminates One
Transformer.

The secondary coil is connected to the loud speaker, as shown.

This circuit not only gives greater amplification than the ordinary 1-step amplifier but it amplifies with much less distortion.

Amplified music and speech are exception ally clear with this method. It is claimed that this circuit produces nine times the output of the same two tubes connected in parallel with the same amount of distortion.

The ordinary iron core audio amplifying transformer introduces much distortion, due to its great inefficiency on the notes below 1,000 cycles. In a two- or three-stage amplifier the lower notes are amplified very little, while the higher ones are enormously amplified; therefore the fewer amplifying transformers we have in a circuit the better will be the quality of the reproduced speech or music. To eliminate one of the push-pull transformers in Fig. 1, the circuit shown in Fig. 2 may be employed. We not only eliminate one transformer, but also much distortion. It will be noted that two loud speaking phones are used in this circuit, one in the plate circuit of each tube. two phones may be clamped to one as shown. It may be necessary to horn as shown. reverse the leads to one phone for best results. A phone with a center tap on its winding could be used in place of the two sults.

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Fig. 2

formers except that they have taped windings. The input, or primary coil of the first transformer T1 is connected to the receiving The secondary coil of this transformer has a center tap (which should be exactly at the center) which is connected to the filaments of the two tubes through a suitable "C" battery. The two outside ends of the

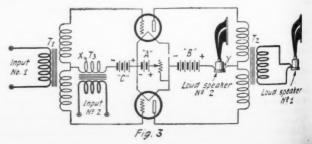
BALANCED TRANSFORMERS

Referring to Fig. 1 again, if the two pushpull transformers were perfectly balanced and the voltages of the "C" and "B" batteries adjusted so as to operate the tubes on the straight portion of their characteristic curves, no current would flow through

been done with the audio frequency ampli-Perhaps one reason for this is that audio frequency regeneration is not considered practical-especially when the frequency is rapidly changing, as in music or speech reception—because the circuit tends to oscilat its own natural period, setting up a loud howl. Yet in a cascade audio amplifier the last tube is usually worked to the limit of its output, while the first one does very little. This indicates that great improvements are possible.

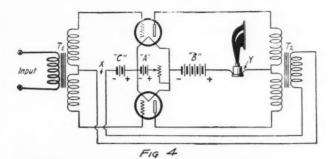
In the following circuits a special system of regeneration is employed which can be used with radio as well as audio frequency currents, and the arrangement is such that there is no possibility of howling or oscil-lating, regardless of the amount of energy regenerated or fed back. This system makes use of two tubes connected so as to give one stage of push-pull amplification, the put of which is fed back to the input of the

This is a Dual
Amplifier Circuit.
Input No. 1 Operates the Tubes
Push-Pull Fashion
and Feeds Loud
Talker No. 1,
While Input No. 2
Operates the
Tubes in Parallel
and Feeds Loud
Talker No. 2.



the center connection marked X, and we could connect something in this lead, such as the secondary of an amplifying transformer without interfering in the least with the action of the push-pull amplifier. It is also evident that the alternating current com-ponent of the plate current will not flow through the center lead Y. In other words, the current flowing through Y is always constant, although the current flowing through each half of the primary winding of transformer T2 is fluctuating. Therefore, we can connect an instrument such as a loud speaker in the lead Y, without interfering with the action of the amplifier. In such a case no sounds would be heard in the loud speaker, provided the transformers are correctly balanced. This is a good test for push-pull transformers.

Now we have the circuit shown in Fig. 3. with an amplifying transformer connected



Another Bal-anced Feed-Back Circuit. This Circuit

is Not as Stable as the One Depicted in Fig. 4, and a Separate Filament

Each Tube is Recommended.

for Rheostat

The Balanced Feed-Back Cir-cuit is Here Shown. T Tubes Are The Tubes Are
First Operated
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of transformer T3 to another receiving set tuned to WOR and hear WOR in loud speaker No. 2; WOR will not be heard in loud speaker No. 1. Therefore, we have two tubes connected in push-pull fashion

plain the action of the following circuits. Theoretically it will work perfectly if the input currents are not too strong. If they are they will interfere with each other by operating the tubes beyond the straight portion of their characteristic curves. This circuit is very unstable and howling noises will be heard in both loud speakers unless the tubes and transformers are perfectly balanced.

It will be noted that when the two tubes are operated in parallel by using transformer T3 and loud speaker No. 2 the input current divides equally through both halves of the secondary winding of T1.
The inductance of one-half neutralizes that of the other half so the action is the same as if the winding were short circuited or not present. The same effect takes places in transformer T2. The plate current divides equally through both halves of the primary winding, one-half opposing the other, thus neutralizing the inductance and preventing any transfer of energy to the secondary coil and loud speaker No. 1.

Instead of amplifying two concerts separately with the same tubes and using two loud speakers, we can make the tubes amplify one concert twice, thus giving two (Continued on page 1180)

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Fig. 5

in the X lead and a loud speaker in the Y lead. We can connect the input of the transformer T1 to a radio set tuned to WJZ and hear WJZ in loud speaker No. 1, but not in loud speaker No. 2. We can, at the same time, connect the input

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that amplify one concert and at the same they are connected in parallel and time amplify another concert, each concert being heard independently in its own loud speaker.

This duplex amplifying system is not practicable, and is given here merely to ex-

Summarizing the Autoplex By M. L. MUHLEMAN, A.M.I.R.E.

N closing this series of articles on the Autoplex it was thought advisable to give the readers of RADIO NEWS a bit of information as to the results that are being obtained with this circuit and to discuss a few of the less known points relating to the characteristics of super-regenerative receivers.

Noises, decidedly foreign to a regular regenerative receiver, are quite noticeable in the process of tuning such sets. If properly handled, however, these noises—except the high pitched whistle or variation frequency—will disappear when a station is tuned in. The Autoplex is a simplified super-regenerator. It has practically the same circuit noises and requires the same careful adjustment as the more complicated sets operating on the same principle. Failure to eliminate circuit noises in either a one-tube superregenerative receiver or Autoplex is usually due to the operator's inexperience with this type of receptor. This and the failure of the Autoplex to reach longer broadcast wave-lengths are the two major complaints

These points shall be taken up in due course, but first we will interest ourselves with the following letters which were re-ceived by the author. The first is of particular interest.

Dear Sir:

Your articles in the November and De-cember issues of RADIO NEWS have resulted

emore usues of Kadio News have resusted in my writing this letter to you. At Eaton, Ohio, 600 miles from New York City, I was able to get former President Woodrow Wilson's Armistice Day address,

Saturday, November 10, on a loud speaker without amplification. Call letters of the station being WEAF.

Apparatus used and other data are as follows:

2 variometers, large type. One 1,500-turn inductance.

Radio Articles Appearing In February Science and Invention.

How President Coolidge Spoke to the Na-tion Via Radio.

Single Tube Hook-Ups, By Armstrong Perry.

Revised List of Broadcasting Call Letters Radio Oracle—Questions and Answers. Hints on Loop Antenna Construction.

Prize Winners in \$200.00 Single Tube Radio Receiving Contest.

Radio Trouble Shooting—Illustrated With Photos.

Improving the Single Circuit Tuner. By Jack Kay.

UV-201A tube, 45 volts on the filament, 90 volts on the plate. No antenna. Ground to point A, same being 12 feet of lamp cord to a gas pipe with 28 feet of pipe between attachment and ground.

A loud speaker.

The volume was sufficient to fill a room 14 x 16 feet so that all present could hear and understand what was said. This performance speaks well for the DX ability of the Autoplex and tends to confirm the data collected by Andrews and yourself. (Signed) Dr. H. Riley Spitler, Eaton, Ohio.

This letter is of particular interest since former President Wilson's voice did not carry well as shown by reception in the vicinity of New York City. As Dr. Spitler mentioned, this certainly tends to confirm Mr. Andrews' experiments with super-regenerators in which he found that the amplification factor in a super-regenerative circuit increased as the incoming signal energy decreased and vice-versa. Relative to this, Mr. Clyde J. Fitch of the "Radio News Laboratories" suggests that in order to receive local suggests that in order to receive local stations on the Autoplex with appreciable volume, it is necessary to detune the circuit so that the signal energy decreases. This allows the amplification factor of the circuit to increase. When detuning a local station, it is no doubt true that every station on a but slightly dissimilar wave is detuned as If true, this would account for the interference experienced while local stations in operation. From this we might gather that an Autoplex receiver or, in fact, any form of super-regenerative set will be more efficient when operated in localities some distance from broadcasting stations. From the two following letters, we can presume this to be true.

You will no doubt be interested in learning of my experience with the Autoplex circuit. On October 31, I happened to be visiting (Continued on page 1181)

A Quick Shift Oscillation Transformer

By P. N. MAYNARD



The description of an oscillation transformer that, having been calibrated, can be rapidly adjusted to any number of wave-lengths.



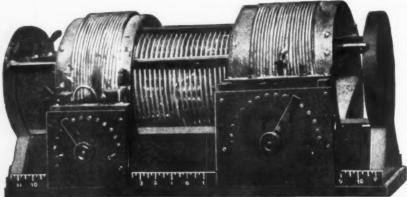


Photo of the Completed Oscillation Transformer Showing the Tapped Movable Plate and Grid Coils.

HE new regulations giving the "HAM" a band of wave-lengths from 150 to 220 meters, open up a new field to amateur communication. No doubt these new regulations are going to be the direct cause of breaking up some of our own QRM, to say nothing of the increased amount of traffic we are going to be able to clear. This improved state of affairs is going to be brought about by means of a quick and accurate wave changing outfit. QSY is destined to become one of our most common Q signals and it is hoped it will run a close second to CQ as a favorite conventional signal.

To QSY in spark work would not be so much, but for the modern C.W. hound who is busting up the ether on all the neighboring planets, it involves a little more complication, but at that it "ain't no worse," for the following effort will describe a "Hootnanny O. T." that is and will, cut the buck and then some. This Hootnanny O. T. will play a tune all up and down the line, as far as wave-lengths are concerned. The enclosed photo shows the Hootnanny O. T. as is. This has a rapid fire change of wavelengths and can be made, on five seconds notice, to percolate on 185, 200, 300, 360, or 600 meters. Any one of the changes can be made on short notice and the pretty part of the story is that the changes can all be made while the transmitter is HOT; in other words, all adjustments of plate, grid and antenna coils, to say nothing of coupling, can be made with the transmitter in operation.

This O. T. has been doing business at 6CCH (KUS on 360) for better than a year and was recently duplicated at 6CMR. It sure eats up this QSY stuff in a hurry. Here at KUS I can make the change from 360 meters down to 200 meters in just five seconds by the clock. This change covers a wider band of wave-lengths than the new regulations have allotted to the "Hams."

The O. T. is used in conjunction with the Meissner circuit, both at 6CCH and 6CMR. This is the same circuit that friend 6JD used on the old space annihilator of his, when he burst the ear drums of the Ausies, during the recent Australian tests. As to the transfer of energy in this Hootnanny O. T., I guess it transfers a little of that ether bust-in stuff, too, for 6CMR got through to Australia and was among those present, heard in New Zealand. For

further evidence, turn to Mix's report in September QST, reporting 6CMR off the Greenland coast, in August. (Two 50-wat bottles at 6CMR). However, I cannot say how the Hootnanny O. T. would work out on any other circuit than a Meissner, as I have not tried it, but I'll venture a guess that the modern C.W. hound, found in the A. R. R. L., is the guy who can make his Hootnanny O. T. percolate on about any old circuit.

To get the wave changing down to a system where speed and accuracy are obtained, requires some little experimenting. The set should be tuned with an accurate wave-meter and the radiation brought up to maximum on the desired wave and then the settings of every movable part of the transmitter recorded, and this record kept handy for reference. It has been found that once a setting is worked out and recorded, it can be depended on to be the same and do the same today, tomorrow and next week, provided the same exact settings are used as per the record of the previous settings.

PLATE AND GRID COILS

The tubes for the plate and grid coils could not be purchased at the time of construction, so they were made by pasting struction, so they several layers of thin cardboard together, around a form 81/4" in diameter. The form used in this case happened to be a roll of wrapping paper. The diameter of the tubes wrapping paper. The diameter of the tubes determined the distance from the windings of the plate and grid coils, to the winding of the antenna coil, which determined the coupling as well as the decrement of the emitted wave to a great extent. ameter gives about an inch clearance be-tween windings and the emitted wave is extremely sharp. Enough layers of card-board were pasted on one another, until a tube 3%" had been formed, and in this case the tube was about 20" long. This was then set aside and allowed to become thoroughly dry before attempting to remove the tube from the roll of wrapping paper. This roll was pretty well mussed up before getting the tube off, but finally the tube was re-moved and then cut in half and smoothed down to a thickness of a quarter of an inch, on a sander. It would be very much easier and would simplify matters to a great extent to purchase bakelite tubes of desired dimensions, as well as making a better job both mechanically and electrically, to say nothing of the trouble and grief en-

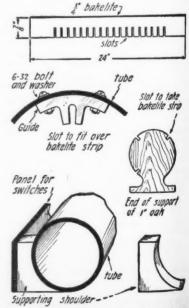
countered in constructing them. The tubes were given a thorough boiling in paraffin after being sanded down to the 1/4" thickness.

ANTENNA COIL

The antenna coil consists of a UL-1008 C. oscillation transformer, with the base and other supports removed. Only the copper spiral is used. The coil is supported and its shape held by three bakelite strips, 44" thick, 78" wide and 24" long. These strips also act as supports and slide rods for the plate and grid coils, which are slid back and forth, to vary the coupling. Slots were cut in these bakelite strips with a hack saw, using a blade the same thickness as that of the copper spiral; the set in the blade will allow ample space for a snug fit of the copper spiral in the bakelite strip. The wooden support that came on the original R. C. oscillation transformer was clamped in a vise along with the bakelite strip and made a perfect template, and maintained the original spacing of the turns of the copper spiral. The bakelite strips were then slipped over the copper spiral giving the coil its original uniform shape and making it rigid. The end supports are sawed out on a band or with a coping saw, from one-inch well-seasoned oak. One-quarter-inch slots were then morticed in each end support, to allow a snug fit for the bakelite strips. This arrangement completes the antenna coil, giving a coil of ample carrying capacity, as well as enough turns to cover a wide band of wave-lengths and with the strips snuggly fitted to the end supports, which are fast-ened to the base of one-inch oak, gives a very rigid layout.

THE COIL GUIDES

The guides were made from 1" fibre and sawed to the desired shape with a coping saw (see Diagram) leaving an ample shoulder to secure them to the inside of the tube with a 6-32 brass machine screw, placing a brass washer under the head of the machine from the brass washer under the head of the machine from the brass washer under the head of the machine from the brass washer under the brass washer washe



Constructional Details of the Parts Composing the Quick Shift Oscillation Transformer.

The Use of Headphones and Loud Speakers

By LOUIS FRANK

Very few people give any attention to headphones or loud speakers when really they require as much consideration as any other portion of a radio receiver. Read what Mr. Frank has to say about N the last article of this series the subject of audio frequency amplifica-

subject of audio trequency amplifica-tion was taken up in detail and the various methods by which the signal could be increased in volume and intens-were outlined. This signal which comes from the amplifier is either passed through headsets or loud speakers and is It, therefore, concerns us to thus heard. understand how these appliances should

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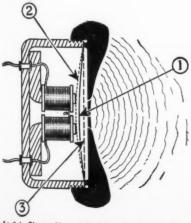
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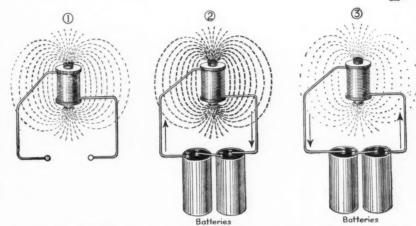
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In the first place, a brief statement should be made as to the construction of these units and their mode of operation. The headset, as is well known from the novice's experience, consists of two magnetic units, each being complete in itself, one unit for each ear. Each unit consists of a permanent magnet which has two poles on which are wound coils of wire. These coils are connected in series and the audio frequency current coming from the audio frequency amplifier flows through these windings. Spaced a few thousandths of an inch above the pole pieces of the magnets is an iron diaphragm and the complete unit is housed in some non-magnetic case, such as hard The audio frerubber or aluminum. quency currents flowing through the windings increase and decrease the strength of the permanent magnetism, depending upon the direction in which the currents flow through the windings. This variation in intensity of magnetism results in a variation in the force with which the diaphragm is attracted or repelled. Hence the diaphragm moves back and forth and gives out sounds in accordance with the variations in the audio frequency currents. The loud speaker consists generally of a single headset such as described above, which is placed at the narrow end of a horn, the effect of the horn being to increase the volume of sound. However, the output of the ordinary headset is generally too small to enable it to give a very loud sound even though it is at the end of a horn, and therefore special loud speaking phones are made which are able to handle considerable energy.



At 3 is Shown Normal Position of a Receiver Dia-phragm; 1, The Extent of Pull it is Usually Put To, and 2, the Point Where Distortion Will Take Place Due to its Striking the Pole Pieces.



The Above Sketches Illustrate the Importance of Having Current Run Through Headphones or Loud Speakers in the Right Direction; (1) Shows the Normal Field of a Phone Magnet, (2) The Increased Field with the Application of a Current Flowing in the Right Direction and (3) The Weakened Field Due to a Current Flowing in the Wrong Direction.

THE HEADSET

This part of the radio set is generally given the least attention, the attitude being that all that is necessary to be done is to insert it in a circuit and listen. If the set is good, then the phones must necessarily give good results. However, a pair of telephones may be used cor-rectly and incorrectly just like any other piece of equipment. Unless the headset is used properly it will be found that it begins to lose its original sensitivity and the signals become weaker and weaker. Weakening of signals may be due, of course, to run down batteries, but we will assume that these are in good shape.

2d stage of amplifier Speaker Fig.1

By Using a Large Iron Core Choke Coil and a Fixed Condenser the Possibility of Loud-Speaker Magnets Becoming Saturated is Done Away With.

Weak signals due to lowering of the sensitivity of phones are the result of demagnetizing the phones, and demagnetization is generally due to two causes: (1) rough handling of the phones, and (2) improperly connecting phones in plate circuits of tubes.

It is a well known fact that when a permanent magnet is hit hard blows with a hammer it loses its magnetism, in spite of the fact that it is called a permanent is explained theoreticmagnet. This ally by the fact that in a permanent magthe molecules are assumed to be lined up uniformly in a certain position. When the permanent magnet is hit hard, the molecules are shaken up and their positions are changed, resulting in loss of magnetism.

Now it is not necessary for a permanent magnet to be hit with a hammer for it to lose its magnetism. In such an event it loses its magnetism instantly. By continuous jarring and rough usage the magnet slowly loses some of its magnetism until finally its sensitivity is reduced so low as to be useless. This is exactly what happens to radio headsets. They are handled roughly by most novices, as can be seen by watching some of them, as they drop phones on the floor.

Every time this happens the phone magnets lose a little bit of their magnetism until finally they are so insensitive that the signals are observed to be weaker In this state the phones and weaker. are not of much use, and the best thing to do is to have them re-magnetized by the manufacturers or some reliable concern. But the novice should learn that the phones are a delicate mechanism which easily gets out of gear. He will not throw his watch on the floor, and some headsets cost more than some watches.

The second cause for demagnetization of headsets is due to improperly connecting the phones in the plate circuit of vacuum tubes. When phones are connected in the plate circuit of tubes a direct current flows through the magnet windings. If this plate current flows in one direction it will aid the magnetism of the permanent magnets, and thereby strengthen the magnets. If it flows in the opposite direction it will oppose the permanent magnetism of the magnets and thereby decrease the permanent magnet-If the phones are connected in the latter way constantly it is easy to see that the opposing magnetic effect of the direct current through the windings will ultimately reduce the permanent magnetism to a point where the magnets are demagnetized and signals will be considerably weakened. In other words, care must be taken to see that the phones are connected so that the direct current through them increases the magnetism of

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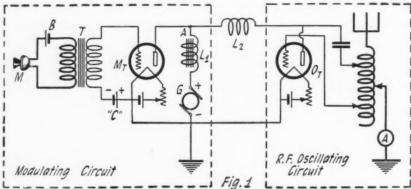
C.W. and Radiophone Transmitters

By L. R. FELDER

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In this article Mr. Felder takes up the subject of modulation in connection with radiophone transmitters of medium and high power and points out the usual reasons for distortion and how they can be eliminated.





The Heising Modulation System Employs a Separate Tube as a Modulator, the Output of Which Varies the Plate Current of the Oscillator Tube.

HE radio telephone system, which will now occupy our attention, is the most popular and widely used system today for the reason that it is the most efficient, and is used in all broadcast stations of any merit. It is known as the Heising Modulation system. It is also known as the "constant current" modulation system for the reason that the current supplied by the plate circuit generator is always constant.

HEISING MODULATOR

This system requires a separate tube for the modulator. The audio frequency voltages are built up and amplified by modulator tube and are then impressed on the radio frequency oscillations generated by the oscillating tube. The method by which this is accomplished and modulation secured is shown in detail in the following. In Fig. 1 we have represented in detail a complete radio telephone circuit employing the Heising modulator. The circuit has been separated into the R. F. oscillator circuit and the modulator circuit. The radio frequency oscillator may be any one of the recognized circuits for generating C.W. os-cillations, as explained in the previous ar-ticles of this series. Ot represents the oscillator tube which acts as the generator of high frequency oscillations. The plate of high frequency oscillations. The plate voltage to the oscillator is supplied by the The performance of the high generator G. frequency oscillator has been explained in other articles of this series and will, therefore, not be considered any further here.

Mt represents the modulator tube, which must be of the same power as the oscillator tube. It is desirable that both modulator and oscillator tubes have the same characteristics. The plate voltage to the modulator is supplied by the same generator, G, which supplies plate voltage to the oscillator tube. M is the microphone or telephone transmitter into which the operator talks. The primary of the telephone transformer, T, is connected in series with a battery and the microphone. As a result, when the microphone is not spoken into, a steady direct current flows, the value of which is limited by the voltage of the battery and the resistance of the microphone and transformer. This steady current through the transformer primary has no effect on the transformer secondary, hence

it has no effect on the grid circuit of the modulator. Therefore the plate current in the modulator tube remains constant.

When the microphone is spoken into, the motion of the diaphragm alters the pressure on the carbon granules and therefore the microphone resistance varies with the speech. As a result, instead of a constant

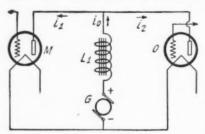


Fig. 2

The High Inductance L. Prevents Any Change of Current Through It, Therefore the Total Current is Always Equal to i, + is irrespective of Plate Current Changes in the Tubes.

direct current flowing through the transformer primary there is a pulsating current. This pulsating current induces an alternating current in the secondary of the telephone transformer, T, which is now applied to the grid of the modulator tube. As a result of the varying speech voltage, which is now applied to the modulator grid, the resistance of the modulator tube also varies. The result of a variation in the resistance of the modulator tube is, normally, to produce a variation in the plate current. However, this does not occur to the full extent because of the presence of the audio frequency choke coil L₁.

This choke coil is in series with the plate circuits of both tubes and its reactance is very great. It is so high that it prevents any variation of the current flowing through it. As a result the speech variations on the grid of the modulator tube do not produce a plate current charge, as might be expected theoretically. However, since the plate resistance of the modulator tube does change when the grid voltage on the modulator tube changes, and since the voltage of the D. C. generator is constant,

there must be some variation in the plate current.

How is this secured? Fig. 2 shows The total plate current supplied to both modulator and oscillator tubes by the plate G is represented by ia generator current remains sensibly constant no matter what the changes in both tubes, for the effect of the high inductance L1 is to prevent any change of current through it.

This current divides into two parts, il.

to the modulator tube and i2 to the oscil. lator tube. The total is always equal to is + is, no matter what value is and is take. Now, suppose the effect of a certain sound on the microphone is to make the alternating speech voltage applied to the modulator grid positive, and, therefore, to decrease the internal resistance of the modulator tube. It follows that the current modulator tune. It follows that the current on the modulator plate must increase. Busince $i_0 = i_1 + i_2$ is always constant, the only way that i_1 , the modulator current, can increase is by i_2 , the oscillator plate current, decreasing. This is what actually occurs. The modulator tube robs the os-cillator tube of some of its plate current when the resistance of the modulator is decreased. And, vice versa, it furnishes the oscillator tube plate circuit with extra current when its resistance increases. In other words, variations in the plate current of the modulator tube, resulting from speech voltage variations on the grid, take place only by producing an opposite variation in the oscillator plate current.

CHOKE COIL EFFECT

Speech variations of voltage on the grid of the modulator tube, therefore, do result in plate current variations in the modulator.

It was stated above that the effect of the choke coil, L₁, was to prevent any variation of the current through it. Actually, for this to happen, the reactance of the coil would have to be infinite. Since it is not infinite (but is very large) a very small variation in current does take place. This variation is due to the modulator tube and is an audio frequency variation which conforms to the sound striking the microphone. Since the current does vary through the choke coil, there will be produced across it a voltage drop. This drop is of audio frequency similar to the speech voltage applied to the grid of the modulator tube. However, it is very much greater, for it is amplified by the modulator tube in the same way that an audio frequency signal is amplified in an audio frequency amplifier. The ultimate result of all these reactions (Continued on page 1175)

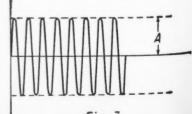


Fig. 3

Illustrating the Unmodulated R.F. Current of the Oscillator Tube.

Correspondence from Readers

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Last week I made a set according to in-Radio News under the heading "An All-Purpose Receiver." Having all necessary Purpose Receiver." Having all necessary parts except the fixed coupler, I purchased a 4 in. composition tube 3 in. long and wound eight turns of No. 22 D.C.C. wire on same for the primary; ½ in. from the primary winding I wound 46 turns No. 22 wire for the secondary. Using the following parts, I have had exceptional success: 1 home-made fixed couples (described above), 1 23-plate vernier condenser, 1 variometer, 1 variable grid leak, 1 WD-11 tube and socket, 1 pr. 2,000-ohm phones, 1 light socket aerial.

In the past three nights I have picked up the following stations: 5AJI calling 5UW 9XN calling WNP; WOC, WOAW 9XN calling WNP; WOC, WOAW, WOAI, WDAP, KHJ, KLZ, WVF, WJAZ, WDAO, WBAP, WFAA, WHAF, WEAY, WSB, WMAQ, WDAF, WAAD, WHAS, LIhink the above is greatly as a control of the state of the state

I think the above is exceptional for a onetube set using a light socket aerial.

THOS. R. SCOTT Box 458, Brownwood, Texas.

RE MR. LAKE'S LETTER

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

I have read Mr. Lake's letter on single-circuit tuners and there are a few points

upon which I cannot agree.

He has brought up Mr. Marshall's case which he uses to defend the single-circuit Mr. Marshall used a Beverage aerial (as stated in the Editor's note) which tends to change the situation quite a bit. The Beverage wire aerial is now regarded as about the most efficient antenna one could have, being exceedingly directional and offering greater signal strength than any other known type. Keeping this in mind, the other thing to be considered in Mr. Marshall's case is the fact that he had no loca! QRM or interference to impair his reception. With these two vital assets it is not unusual to obtain excellent results.

As for finding out the owners of singlecircuit tuners and educating them—this would be extremely difficult. From where I live I can hear a receiver, which is actually two miles from me, squeal. Sometimes a receiver can be heard for three miles or more; I know of a particular case where this happened. Now, if Mr. Lake wishes to search the city within a three-mile radius of his house he is free to do so, and if the offenders were found it would take quite a little talk to convince them and then they would usually fail to better their tuning. We all know that the single-circuit tuner is a good transmitter, for its circuit is very similar to the Hartley transmitter circuit.

The single circuit tuner will, then, work very well under good conditions and when there is no local QRM, but it will also trans-

mit just as well.

Frederic L. Stafford (1BAG),

Hostford, Cor Hartford, Conn.

EVER TRY THIS?

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

The following experience may not be new or of interest to the "hams," but it may prove so to the newer BCL's, one of which I am at present.

My neighbor's set failed to function on a certain wave-length, i.e., 2,650 meters, and in order that he might listen in, I ran a twisted pair of wires from my set to his, a distance of approximately 100 ft. He attacked in the control of the contr tached his phones to the wires and I at-

tached the wires to the output of my set with my phones in series.
All reception, NAA as well as broadcast-

While listening, I heard him cough. then spoke to him through one of my head receivers and told him to reply in like man-Spoken communication was thus established and has been maintained.

We call by the use of buzzers and telegraph keys that are thrown into and out of the circuit by D.P.D.T. switches at each end. Energy is supplied by bell-ringing transformers attached to the 110-volt lines.

J. M. GREGORY, Morristown, N. Y.

CAN YOU HELP?

Editor, RADIO NEWS:
In reply to Mr. D. H. Kamp's letter, published in the November issue of RADIO NEWS, I think he has said a few things of worth while interest to the BCL's who want to become amateurs

I am myself a phone hound, as he expresses it. I have learned the code fairly

\$200 In Prizes!

NE of the most interesting prize contests that you have ever heard of is in full swing now. Big prizes will be paid for making miniature radio instruments, such as rheostats, loose couplers, variocouplers, tuning coils, variometers, telephone head sets, variable condenser, etc. The only condition is that these instruments must not be larger than three-quarters of an inch and the models must work. The prize contest includes not only radio instruments, but all electrical instruments as well. For full particulars sepage 1196 of this issue.

page 1196 of this issue.

Some of the interesting articles appearing in the February issue of "PRACTICAL ELECTRICS":

The Radiotron: A Vacuuum Tube. By B. S. Havens of General Electric Company. Simple Oscillograph, By Carter Fiske. Electric Animals.

Tidal Electric Power, By Albert Staehle. Voltage Finder.

Electrical Destruction of Atoms, By Professor Rogers D. Rusk.

Electric Camera Shutter, By A. Kiedis, Jr. Carbon Contact Rheostat.

Goertz-Beck Arc Lamp.

Analogies and Others, By T. O'Conor Sloane, Ph.D.

well, on the advice of my friend 8CAE, but when I tune in an amateur or "ham" I find that I can catch only about one out of fifty of the letters. I, for one, feel the same as Mr. Kamp does. Although I suppose the amateurs had the same trouble, I feel that they could co-operate with us by sending slowly once a week or so. I am sure that those BCL's who wish to become amateurs would appreciate it very much. gladly write to any amateur who could hear, and tell him how much I appreciated his co-operation with us. Then we, too, could install transmitters and talk to or work

LEO J. SUBER, Box 332, Deshler, Ohio.

LEARN TO TUNE YOUR SET

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

I have not been a reader of RADIO NEWS ery long, but I notice that the amateurs and BCL's are trying to be on the "outs." writer, a few years ago, spent three years as a Naval radio operator, but since that time has not devoted any time to radio in any shape or form. I purchased a good standard receiver a month ago and have joined the BCL's; also, I am glad to say, I spend from two to three hours with the amateur and commercial stations every night and personally I have never been bothered by an amateur or commercial station while listening to the broadcast stations. Some may wonder why, but it is easy to tune them out. That is the trouble with the average BCL, he does not know how to properly tune his set, home-made or some standard make. have found that the BCL often encounters a lot of interference from his brother BCL, who has not tuned in properly or has a single circuit set which is the worst offender of all; and Mr. BCL will sit and rave about some amateur spoiling the program he is trying to hear. Let's all begin right now, and learn to tune our sets. Then learn the International Morse code, and you will be surprised how much enjoyment you will get out of the little dots and dashes that go flying through space waiting to be harnessed and put down in your log. The writer would like to become an amateur himself, but has not the time. However, I am for the amateur, broadcaster and BCL, for they join the world in one small space and make us all brothers for a better understanding and a better world to live in. Brother BCL's, let's sit down tonight and learn our receiver and how to handle it and all our troubles will be over.

Ex-Operator, WTW., Larned, Kan.

YOUR CHANCE TO LEARN THE CODE

Editor, RADIO NEWS:
Mr. Kamp's letter in your November issue interested the officers of the Commonwealth Radio Association, of Boston, Mass., sufficiently to cause them to arrange a nightly transmission of code practice for the radio enthusiasts in their locality.

Although numerous broadcast stations have given code practice, the Commonwealth Radio Association believes that those who are interested in learning to receive code will likewise desire to learn just how the amateurs talk to each other, the abbrevia-tions used, the methods of calling, an-swering, etc. Considering this, the association's code practice transmission will be carried on between two stations on amateur wave-lengths just as ordinary "ham" communication is carried on, with the exception that it will be at slow speed. We believe this process of actual communication will be more interesting, entertaining and beneficial than would be a mere broadcast of code practice.

The station which will probably cover the greatest area will be 1VV, of South Bos-1VV has done no little DX with his transmitter, and it is just possible that the code practice will benefit enthusiasts at more

distant points than we anticipate.

The Commonwealth Radio Association is formed for and by both amateurs and broadcast listeners. It has already done much to benefit these enthusiasts in this locality, and appreciates letters like Mr. Kamp's which show what and how services may be rendered which will help the "fans" to really enjoy the "game."

VERNAL E. FULLER, Chairman, Publicity Committee. Boston, Mass.

PASADENA "HAMS" TAKE NOTE

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

Have just pulled the plug out of my receiving set in disgust, said action now being stock equipment, practically every evening, and while the mood is upon me, would certainly like to unwind a few on the subject.

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ADIO manufacturers are invited to send to RADIO NEWS LABORATORIES, samples of their products for test. It does not matter whether or not they advertise in RADIO NEWS, the RADIO NEWS LABORATORIES being an independent organization, with the improvement of radio apparatus as its aim. If, after being tested, the instruments submitted prove to be built according to modern radio engineering practice, they will each be awarded a certificate of merit, and a "write-up" such as those given below will appear in this department of RADIO NEWS. If the apparatus does not pass the Laboratories tests, they are returned to the manufacturers with suggestions for improving them. No "write-ups" sent by manufacturers are published on these pages, and only apparatus which has been tested by the Laboratories and found to be of good mechanical and electrical construction is described. Inasmuch as the service of the RADIO NEWS LABORATORIES is free to all manufacturers whether they are advertisers or not it is necessary that all goods to be tested must be forwarded precaid of the precaid turers whether they are advertisers or not, it is necessary that all goods to be tested must be forwarded prepaid, otherwise they cannot be accepted by the Laboratories.

Apparatus Awarded Certificates

UNIVERNIER

This is a vernier control dial that may be mounted on the shaft of any may be mounted on the shaft of any instruments such as condensers, veriometers, etc. It has a geared type knob having a ratio of 12 to 1. Pushing the knob in gives direct rotation, which is an advantage, as rough adjustment is usually only required at the start of tuning. It is equipped with a silver-plated dial having very fine and plainly marked graduations which aid in setting the pointer when using the vernier adjustment. The dial is 4½ inches in diameter. The knob fits a 1½-inch



shaft. It is manufactured by the Walbert Manufacturing Co., Chi-cago, Ill. Arrived in excellent reality

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Arrived in excellent packing.
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NEWS LABORATORIES CERTIFICATE OF MERIT NO. 307.

SCIENTIFIC PHONES

These phones are of the standard bi-polar construction and are very efficient electrically. The audibility is maximum at frequencies ranging from 600 to 3,000 cycles and is fair



beyond these limits. The impedance of the headsets at 1,000 cycles is 22,400 ohms. They are manufac-tured by the Scientific Electrical Works, 98 Brookline Ave., Boston,

Mass.
Arrived in excellent packing.
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HAMMARLUND VARIABLE CONDENSERS

These condensers are of excellent mechanical and electrical construcmechanical and electrical construc-tion throughout. The plates are of brass, securely soldered to the sup-ports and in perfect alignment. A micrometer adjustment is obtained by means of the lever arm and cam arrangement that turns the shaft by a friction hold that can be adjusted with a screw. The movable ele-ment is mounted between cone bear-



ings, which may be adjusted very accurately. Only a small amount of insulating material placed so as to be accurately. Only a small amount of insulating material placed so as to be fairly away from the electrostatic field is used in the construction of the condensers. They are made in 11, 17, 23, and 43 plate sizes, having maximum capacities of 259, 385, 525 and 994 M.M.F., respectively, with minimum capacities of 14, 20, 22 and 28 M.M.F. The dielectric absorption losses, which are very low, are equivalent to series resistances ranging from 30 to 59 ohms at 1,000 cycles, in the four samples submitted. They are manufactured by the Hammarlund Mig. Co., 144 W. Eighteenth St., New York City. Arrived in excellent packing. A WARDED THE RADIO NEWS LABORATORIES CERTIFICATE OF MERIT NO. 301.

TRUE TONE LOUD SPEAKER

The Little Senior Truetone loud beaker shown in the illustration untains a Baldwin-made phone unit is special design in the wooden tone tamber in the base. The horn is crystalline composition and very the company of the composition and very the c attractive; it is 24 inches high with a 10-inch bell, and has excellent



acoustic properties. Manufactured by the Sadler Manufacturing Co., 86 Fourth St., San Francisco, Cal. Arrived in excellent packing. AWARDED THE RADIO NEWS LABORATORIES CER. TIFICATE OF MERIT NO. 309.

FIL-KO-STAT

This filament rheostat is designed control the filament current of

practically all types of receiving tubes now on the market. It is noted for its exceptionally infini-tiesimal and uniform control of the current. For instance, the critical adjustment of a one-ampere tube is spread out over a range of four adjustment of a one-ampere tube is spread out over a range of four turns of the knob, thus enabling a micrometer adjustment to be obtained. Several samples were submitted for test by the Radio Stores Corp., 218 West Thirty-fourth St., New York City, and the resistance of each was practically the same, having an average maximum resistance of 31 ohms. The resistance



clement is of a finely divided powder enclosed in a Bakelite tube, as shown in the illustration. The instrument is equipped with rugged Fahnstock clips.

Arrived in excellent packing.

AWARDED THE RADIO NEWS LABORATORIES CERTIFICATE OF MERIT NO. 302.

CIC LOUD SPEAKING PHONES

The Connecticut CIC phone is of the Bi-polar type and is similar in construction to the ordinary phone



except that it employs a non-metal-lic diaphragm having a circular piece of soft iron attached to its center. The air gap is adjusted by turning the phone cap, after which the gap selected may be kept by locking the phone cap with a set screw. The resistance of this phone is approximately 1,388 ohms and the impedance at 1,000 cycles, 33,000 ohms. It is furnished with a 10-foot cord. Manufactured by the Connecticut Instrument Co., Inc., Stamford, Conn.

Arrived in excellent packing.

A WA R D E D THE RADIO NEWS LABORATORIES CERTIFICATE OF MERIT NO. 303.

NEUFELDT & KUHNKE HEAD-SET

The Goldschmidt Corporation, 15 William St., New York City, submitted for test the 3,000 ohm Neufeldt & Kuhnke headset shown in the illustration. This headset is of excellent mechanical and electrical construction. It is of the bi-polar type with nickel-plated shells and large ear pieces, and has a leather

covered head band. The headset has an impedance at 1,000 cycles of approximately 17,500 ohms. The audibility is maximum from 300 to



6,000 cycles and the reproduction is very clear and faithful.
Arrived in excellent packing.
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DUO SPIRAL LOOP ANTENNA

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This loop antenna is very light in
weight and of pleasing appearance.
It has 12 turns of green silk corcred copper wire wound six turns on
each side of the wooden supports.
The leads are connected to a metal
tube and a metal rod, which make
contact with the contacts on the
base, one of which rubs against the
metal tube under pressure of a
spring as the loop is rotated. When
shunted by a .0005 mfd. variable
condenser, a wave-length range of
260 to 575 meters is covered. This
loop is manufactured by the Radio
Units, Inc., Maywood, Ill.
Arrived in fair packing.



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ACOUSTIC WOOD HORN

The loud talker shown in the il-lustration is of novel design and pleasing appearance. It employs the Baldwin phone unit which is mounted in the base of the wooden horn, or sound reflector. The hom is artistic in design, highly fa-

ished, and has good acoustic properties. Excellent results were obtained with this horn. Manufactured by Edward A. Lefebre, 277 Sixth Ave., Astoria, Long Island, N. Y.



Arrived in excellent packing. AWARDED THE RADIO NEWS LABORATORIES CER-TIFICATE OF MERIT NO. 305.

TINY TURN VERNIER
ATTACHMENT
A very small and effective vernier attachment that is simple to adjust is shown in the illustration. This attachment may be mounted on the small near any control dial. Push-



ing in on the knob forces the small rubber rimmed wheel, which is geared to the knob, against the dial. Turning the knob turns the wheel which rotates the dial by its friction contact. It should be noted that the dial turns in the same direction as the vernier knob. This attachment is manufactured by Radio Units, Inc.. Maywood, Ill. Arrived in excellent packing.

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WALNART V. T. SOCKETS
As shown in the illustration, the acuum tube sockets manufactured y the Walnart Electric Mig. Co., 251-53 W. Van Buren St., Chi-



cago, Ill., are of metal, highly pol-ished, and insulated with thick pieces of hard fibre. The spring contacts are securely fastened and contacts are securely fastened and always maintain positive contact with the tube prongs. Both standard sockets and sockets for the UV-199 or C-299 tubes are made. Arrived in excellent packing. AWARDED THE RADIO NEWS LABORATORIES CERTIFICATES OF MERIT NOS. 286 AND 287.

MIDGET VARIOCOUPLER

This variocoupler, although small in size, is very efficient and of good mechanical construction. It is of the same shape and size as this company's midget variometer and the two units can be used together to form a very compact receiving set. The shaft is 3/16 inch in diameter. Connections to the rote college. set. The shart is 3/10 men in trans-eter. Connections to the rotor coil are brought out by means of flex-ible leads, thus avoiding noisy rub-



bing contacts. This instrument is manufactured by the Kilbourne & Clark Mfg. Co., Scattle, Wash. Arrived in excellent packing. A W A R D E D THE RADIO NEWS LABORATORIES CERTIFICATE OF MERIT NO. 310.

MIDGET VARIOMETER

The midget variometer here illustrated is of similar construction to the midget variocoupler described in these columns and is manufactured by the same company, Kilbourne and Clark



Míg. Co., Seattle, Wash. When connected in series with the secondary winding of the midget vario-coupler to the grid and filament of a vacuum tube, a wave-length range of 270 to 520 meters was covered. Arrived in excellent packing. AWARDED THE RADIO NEWS LABORATORIES CERTIFICATE OF MERIT NO. 311.

B-METAL REFLEX DETECTOR

B-METAL REFLEX DETECTOR

This is a permanent crystal detector especially designed for Reflex circuits. The crystal is securely sealed in a glass container and mounted on a base as shown in the illustration. The detector was found exceptionally sensitive and gave excellent results. It is manufactured by the B-Metal Refining Co., 3134 Trumbull Ave., Detroit, Mich., and is known as "Type C Reflex Tube Detector."

Arrived in excellent packing.

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B-METAL ADJUSTABLE DETECTOR

The B-Metal Refining Co. also manufactures the adjustable type D crystal detector. This detector, shown in the illustration, is noted for its exceptionally small size, case of adjustment and ability to hold its adjustment. It is very sensitive, the sensitivity, of course, depending upon the crystal used.



Arrived in excellent packing. AWARDED THE RADIO NEWS LABORATORIES CER-TIFICATE OF MERIT NO. 293.

B-METAL LOUD TALKING CRYSTALS

The B-Metal loud talking crystals, which are also manufactured by the B-Metal Refining Co., are furnished mounted ready to fit the standard crystal detector cup. They

standard crystal detector cup. They are very sensitive over practically the entire exposed surface. Arrived in excellent packing. AWARDED THE RADIO NEWS LABORATORIES CERTIFICATE OF MERIT NO. 294.

MARTIN-COPELAND GRID LEAK

The small size of this variable grid leak makes it convenient for



panel mounting. As shown in the illustration, the rotating arm does not slide on the resistance element, but presses a spiral shaped spring against the resistance. A range of 70,000 ohms to 10 megohms was obtained on the sample submitted, although the advertised range is only 1/5 to 5 megohms. The control is uniform. This grid leak is manufactured by Martin Copeland Co., Providence, R. I.

Arrived in excellent packing.

AWARDED THE RADIO
NEWS LABORATORIES CERTIFICATE OF MERIT NO. 295.

C.R.L. VARIABLE GRID LEAK
The C.R.L. variable grid leaks The C.R.L. variable grid leaks are noted for their uniform and stable control, and the average range



from a number of samples submitted was ¼ to 25 megohms, although a much shorter range is claimed by the manufacturers. The illustration shows that they are of rugged mechanical construction. Contact is made with the resistance strip by pressing a spring against it, thus avoiding a rubbing contact. The resistance element is impregnated toth. Manufactured by the Central avoiding a rubbing contact. The re-sistance element is impregnated cloth. Manufactured by the Central Radio Laboratories, 303 16th Street, Milwaukee, Wis. Arrived in excellent packing. A W A R D E D THE RADIO NEWS LABORATORIES CER-TIFICATE OF MERIT NO. 296.

PANELYTE RADIO PANELS
The Panelyte Board Co., Enterprise Avenue, Trenton, N. J., submitted two panels of an insulating material which was found to be very excellent for use as radio panels or other insulating parts. The radio frequency phase difference angle is very low. The material is easily cut and drilled and of good finish. It does not warp and is not affected by moisture.

Arrived in excellent packing,
AWARDED THE RADIO
NEWS LABORATORIES CERTIFICATE OF MERIT NO. 278.

FANSTEEL BALKITE BAT-TERY CHARGER Fansteel Balkite battery charger is designed to meet the needs of those radio fans who em-ploy six-volt storage batteries for



lighting their vacuum tubes. lighting their vacuum tubes. It comprises a step-down transformer and an electrolytic rectifier. A cord is furnished for attaching it to any 110-volt 60-cycle light socket and two other leads with clips connected to the battery being charged. The outfit consumes about 80 watts and charges a six-volt storage battery at a three-ampere rate. Manufactured by the Fansteel Products Co., Chicago, III.

Arrived in excellent packing. AWARDED THE RADIO NEWS LABORATORIES CERTIFICATE OF MERIT NO. 313.

Radio Trade Notes By L. A. NIXON*

S ELL sets, sell sets," was the universal cry by writers in trade papers all summer and during the early fall. Manufacturers of sets spent a great deal of money to tell the trade that the sale of complete sets was the easiest and best way to build up a profitable volume of sales for the retail store

During the month of November the cry changed. It was from the other end. "Give us sets!" was the appeal from practically us sets!" was the appeal from practically every jobber in the trade. Manufacturers Manufacturers of sets tried to increase production, attempted to build up a stock to take care of holiday demand. The orders were increasing at a greater rate than the production in every factory of any importance in the trade. One

manufacturer on November 15 announced a production of more than one thousand sets a day, and on that same day a jobber in one city sent in an order for 100 sets of a certain type

In Newark, N. J., alone, according to four of the leading jobbers there, 400 high priced radio sets were ordered by retailers in one week of six business days.

Radio manufacturing today presents a production problem that perhaps will yet bring to the fore a production man that the trade can acclaim as a leader.

Production managers in other industries have past experience to work on. Their workers do not have to be trained from the bottom up. Better still, there is no sprinkling of "experts" among the applicants for positions who feel they can improve the product if given a few minutes to play with it. Quantity production, however, as op-posed to the old style method of "personal supervision" is coming to the front rapidly. It will not be surprising in another year to see several radio factories engaged in the manufacture of sets with productions in excess of one hundred thousand sets each per year.

Organizations in the trade are coming to the front with members bound together by common interests other than fear of patent suits or desires to buy co-operatively tailers in several cities have perfected asso-ciations to handle National Radio Week.

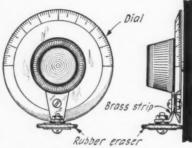
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Awards of the \$50 Radio Wrinkle Contest

First Prize

A FIVE-CENT VERNIER
By ANDREW TOU

Any number of vernier attachments have been described in various radio periodicals, but most of them are either too complicated in construction or have a mechanical drawback. The vernier attachment I am to de-



A Sidewise Movement of The Thumb on the Eraser Affords a Very Fine Adjustment of the Position of the Dial.

scribe cost me 5c and as can be seen from the illustration, is simplicity itself so far as operation is concerned. The following parts are necessary for its construction: Two small brass bolts taken from dry cells, two nuts to fit these bolts, a scrap of sheet brass and one 5c round eraser. The drawings are self explanatory. Fine adjustment is made by rolling the eraser with the thumb. This vernier does not require any hole in the panel and the knob and dial may be moved to another set without removing the attachment.

Second Prize

CELLULOID VARNISH FOR SELF-SUPPORTING COILS

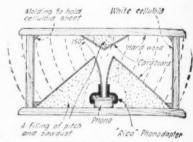
By RAYMOND B. WAILES

An excellent insulating fluid which can be easily made by the radioman has for its base celluloid. Drying very quickly, more so than shellac, it combines high insulating qualities with a beautiful gloss, strong body, not masking the original color of the coil or instrument treated. The composition is made by dissolving scrap celluloid such as photograph film in acetone, which can be purchased very cheaply at the corner drug-

gist's. The photographic film should first be scraped of its gelatinous emulsion by immersion in lye water, hot water or household "ammonia." The coating is then easily removed by scraping. The cleaned cuttings of the film are then shaken in a corked bottle with the acetone, more acetone being added if the mixture becomes too thick, or more celluloid if it has a tendency to flow too easily.

Coils, such as variometer rotors, wound on forms and painted with the celluloid var-

the surface of the table upon which the reproducer is placed. To give the reproducer the advantages of a solid horn, all hollow spaces were filled with a mixture of melted pitch and sawdust before setting into place. The appearance of the finished article is greatly increased after the customary finishing of all wood work, by placing between the four uprights sheets of white celluloid. With a fine frett saw, the pattern was cut



Details of the Interior Construction of the Loug

Prize Winners
FIRST PRIZE \$25

A Five-Cent Vernier

A Five-Cent Vernie
By Andrew Tou
R. F. D. No. 10
Columbia, Mo.

SECOND PRIZE \$15

Celluloid Varnish for Self-Supporting Coils

By Raymond B. Wailes, 3118 14th St., Washington, D. C.

THIRD PRIZE \$10

A Horizontally Directional Loud Speaker

By E. H. Woods, Richmond, Nelson, N. Z.

nish will retain their shape wonderfully, allowing very close coupling between it and the stator, this not being possible if a tube or other support were used.

Third Prize

A HORIZONTALLY DIRECTIONAL LOUD SPEAKER

By E. H. WOODS

The accompanying diagram illustrates the simple construction of the home-made reproducer for various sound frequencies of broadcasting. The sound waves it will receive pass vertically through the horn. They are then reflected from the sides of the right pyramid, down and outwards, striking

(before setting in position) and colored paper mounted on the back to improve the appearance. As places in this celluloid sheet showed a tendency to vibrate at certain audible frequencies, small pieces of celluloid were cemented on the backs of these portions.

This reproducer which may be small in size can find a fitting place anywhere in the room. There is very little distortion of speech or music and the music is right there in the room and not at the end of a long hall. I am contemplating the building of another,



Exterior View of the Completed Loud Speaker.

having its three radiating surfaces in the form of half a hexagon, the middle surface having a clock set in its center, so that the reproducer may take the place of my clock on the mantle piece.

A NOVEL LOUD SPEAKER

The loud speaker or resonator herein described not only works well, but requires no mechanical or electrical parts to be constructed or purchased. The requisites are a banjo and headphones, the latter used with one or two stages of amplification, depending on the nearness of stations.

The banjo is turned upside down, one edge being raised slightly by placing it on a book or some such convenient object, so as to keep the tone chamber clear of the desk of table top. The phones are then laid on the skin of the banjo, inside. The instrument acts as a resonator of the sound in the phones, giving a clear, musical tone of pleasant characteristics. The tones are distinct at all frequencies, and enough volume is furnished to fill a room with music from stations 500 miles distant, using a two-step audio-frequency amplifier with a non-regenerative coupled receiver.

The writer has tried no other musical instruments as resonators. However, it seems apparent that they could be used, experimenting with various positions for the phones of



Dissolving the Cleaned Strips of Photo Film in Acctone to Make the Transparent Insulating Varnish. A Formed and Coated Variometer Rotor Can Be Seen at the Right. It is Very Rigid. Simply Flow the Varnish on Your Coils with a Brush and it Will Be Dry in Two Minutes!

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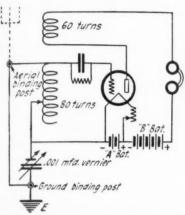
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the tone chamber until satisfactory results A tambourine should work were obtained. practically as well as a banjo in the capacity of a loud speaker.

Contributed by Theron W. Bean.

GETTING AROUND STATIC

There are a great many readers who are using a single circuit set, but there are very few who know the following little kink



Reception Without an Aerial is Feasible and Will Cut Down Static Interference Considerably With-out Depreciating Signal Strength to Any Great Extent.

Some time when the static is very bad and you wish to use your set try this: Disconnect the aerial wire from the set and run a wire from the aerial binding-post to the ground post, thus leaving the condenser across the coil. If the condenser has a vernier plate, you will experience very little difficulty in bringing in DX stations. Nearly all the static will be eliminated and you will be surprised at the number of stations you will be able to hear.

Contributed by Wilford Lahman.

UNIT PANEL RECEIVING SET

The usual amateur is not content with a receiver for any great length of time, since new circuits are appearing monthly. To change from one circuit to another, it usually requires a change in position of the apparatus of the old set and possibly the addition of more instruments. After a panel has once been drilled, it is difficult to make any such changes. The arrangement shown in the illustration has an attractive appearance and allows for the changing about of the different instruments to conform to any desired circuit and at the same time allows for the

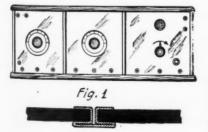


Fig. 2

A Unit Panel Receiving Set in Which the In-struments Can Easily Be Interchanged.

addition of more parts without detracting from the general appearance of the entire The small panels upon which the instruments are mounted may be cut from old bard rubber, storage battery cases which are easily obtainable in any garage. This can easily be accomplished with a hack saw This can and the pieces can be squared up to the desired sizes and sandpapered to give them a good finish. The application of a bit of paraffin oil will give them a glossy appear-ance. When joining each unit together, small lengths of light brass sheeting are bent as shown in the illustration and placed between each panel. This effectively conceals the joints between each unit.

Contributed by Joe Harner, Nevada, Mo.

A DIRECTIONAL LOOP AERIAL

From time to time I have read articles on the construction of loop aerials, from those that would fit inside a suit case to those of greater dimensions, each with different lengths and sizes of wire.

Before spending the time to construct an elaborate frame for a loop I looked around for something on which to wind wire temporarily so as to prove what length and size would give best results; this was easy enough, but then I went a step further and ound that which would be adjustable and also directional, as shown in the drawing.

The construction of the pegs allows them to be fastened to the door by small R. H. screws which will leave a very small mark when removed.

After trying out a loop of this kind there is no reason why it could not be constructed neatly and used permanently.

Contributed by Henry L. Edwards.

found to be the most satisfactory and can be done by anyone without particular skill. Take a length of bare No. 18 copper wire

and wrap it snugly and closely around the h" shaft. Remove the spring thus formed and dip it into molten solder, shaking off the surplus. When cool, a neat little bushing is complete and ready for use. Any high spots can be readily smoothed off with a file. Dials so bushed will turn true and

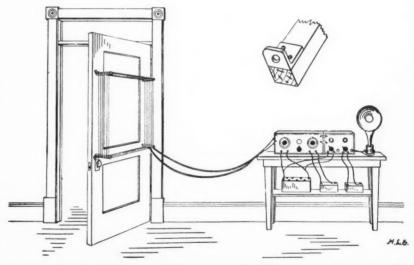
Contributed by Thomas Benson.

A RECEPTION REPORT CARD

The quality of the music and programs which are broadcast from the radiophone stations will be, in the future, influenced by

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the wishes of the listeners. However, to let the stations know the wishes and the dis-likes of the vast audience, it is of the ut-



A Loop Aerial is Rather Cumbersome if Placed on the Table With the Receiving Apparatus. Why Not Mount It on the Door of Your Room, as Shown in the Illustration?

A SUBSTITUTE FOR RESISTANCE

Some experimenters, when constructing a rectifier, find considerable difficulty in finding suitable resistance to place in series with their battery that is being charged, other than a bank of lamps which is rather expensive since so many are needed. Instead of the resistance, place an ordinary plug receptacle in series with the battery terminal and the high voltage side. Then procure your mother's electric iron and taking care that it is on a holder and will do no damage when hot, connect it in the plug receptacle This will do the same work that thirteen 50-watt lamps would do and when your mother wants her iron it is hot and ready for service.

Contributed by James V. Clark.

BUSHING DIALS

At times it is necessary to mount a dial or knob with a ¼" hole on a ½" shaft. After trying several methods, the following was

most importance that you transmit to them your criticisms. The best time to write a line is while you are listening to the pro gram or immediately afterward. I would suggest that you have cards printed by the local printer or have a rubber stamp made up similar to the enclosed report card. As far as I know there are no suitable printed cards which can be obtained from the radio trade. Irrespective of whether you write a letter or just send a card, let the artists and the owners of the stations know just what your views are-for everyone likes true appreciation and appreciates true constructive criticism.

Contributed by J. E. Frisbee.

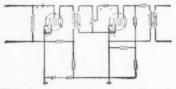
A GOOD SPRING CONTACT

I think you will find the following scheme of great benefit to all amateurs. I have always had trouble in winding variometers or variocouplers, but just how I could attach (Continued on page 1148)



VACUUM-TUBE AMPLIFIER

VACUUM-TUBE AMPLIFIER
(Patent No. 1,465,332. Issued to Harold De
Forest Arnold, of Maplewood, New Jersey,
August 21, 1923).
This invention relates to vacuum tube amplifiers, and more particularly to arrangements for
supplying space current thereto.
An object of this invention is to provide means
whereby a plurality of vacuum tubes to be used
as repeaters or amplifiers may be supplied with
space current from a single source, but in such
a manner that current changes in one tube due
to signals being repeated cannot be impressed
upon another tube through said source.



With the arrangement shown herein, a single source of space current is used to energize both tubes of a two stage amplifier, and in the branches of the circuit therefore are interposed filters of series inductance and shunt capacity to prevent alternating current from being by-

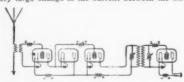
METHOD OF, AND MEANS FOR, AMPLI-FYING POTENTIAL VARIATIONS.

(Patent No. 1,468,116. Issued to Irving Lang-muir, of Schenectady, New York, September

muir, of Schenectady, New 10th, September 18, 1923). It has been discovered that if two electrodes are enclosed in an envelope exhausted to such a degree that the passage of current between the electrodes produces substantially no gas ionization, irrespective of the voltage employed, the flow of current is dependent upon certain conditions. In case a heated cathode is used the current with constant temperature of the cathode, will, between certain limits vary as the 3/2 power of the voltage impressed on the anode. As the voltage is increased, however, a point which may be termed the "saturation" point, is finally reached at which the current becomes constant. By varying the temperature of the cathode the impressed at which the current becomes constant. By varying the temperature of the cathode the impressed voltage at which the current becomes constant may be varied and the value of the saturation current may be varied. Devices of this type are described and certain broad features thereof are described in my copending application. Serial No.

rent may be varied. Devices of this type are described and certain broad features thereof are claimed in my copending application. Serial No. 84,242, filed March 14, 1916, which is a continuation of my application Serial No. 795,610, filed October 16, 1913.

If a negative electrostatic field is set up within the envelope of an electron discharge device in which the current has not reached the saturation point, by impressing a negative potential upon a conducting grid interposed between the electrodess the flow of current will be decreased, and if the negative potential used is great enough with respect to the potential used is great enough with respect to the potential impressed on the anode the flow of current may be stopped altogether. On the other hand if a positive potential is impressed upon the grid the flow of current may be increased. In controlling the current in this way if the anode is maintained at a constant potential a small variation in the potential of the grid will cause a very large change in the current between the elec-



trodes. This property of such devices has been made use of by impressing upon the grid the potential of the very feeble current impulses of waves of radiant energy such as are received by the antenna of a wireless station, thereby producing a current flow between the electrodes which varies in accordance with the variations in the received current, but which is of much greater amplitude. If on the other hand, it is desired to cause a constant current to flow through the device the anode potential required to produce that current will vary in accordance with the variations in the potential of the grid. In carrying my invention

into effect I make use of this last property in such a way as to amplify the potential variations of the received waves instead of the current variations and by so doing secure a high degree of amplification. In accomplishing this result I may also make use of the current saturation effect of a second electron discharge device to prevent the current through the amplifier from exceeding a certain amount, irrespective of the voltage impressed upon the grid.

BALLAST TUBE

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(Patent No. 1,470,788. Issued to Paul Thorne Weeks, of Caldwell, N. J., October 16, 1923). In some cases, ballast tubes employing hydrogen gas have been found to be subject to more or less gradual changes in the current voltage characteristic, or the mean value of current about which the tubes should exercise their corrective effects. The direction and amount of these changes appear to be dependent on the conditions under which the tubes have been previously operated. For instance, it has been fairly definitely established that, after a ballast tube has been operated at a high temperature for some time, the current-voltage characteristic will have shifted, so that the corrective effects exerted by the resistance in the ballast tubes will not take place at the given current value but at a higher current value. Later, however, if the tube is not used for some time or is operated at a low temperature, the current-voltage characteristic will shift back to approximately the original value.

The apparent explanation of this shifting phase of the current-voltage characteristic is that the hydrogen is probably absorbed by the material composing the filament, at certain temperatures, while at other temperatures, it may be evolved. The absorption may be due to a chemical or a physical action or a combination of both. Obviously, when the absorption takes place, a corresponding change in the pressure and density



of the gas likewise occur, depending on the extent of such absorption. As pointed out previously, when the density changes but slightly, a marked change in current may take place, particularly, when the density is within the critical range; hence, when the density of the gas within the iron-hydrogen ballast tuhe is within this critical range and variations occur, due to changing density conditions from absorption or evolution of the gas, the temperature of the filament will vary accordingly. This results in a change in the current value at which the tube will exercise its corrective effects.

This invention concerns itself with the employment of a gas other than hydrogen which will be more reliable in maintaining the current at the requisite value and which will not be absorbed to such an appreciable extent by the material composing the filament, thus providing against any marked change taking place in the current-voltage characteristic. At the same time, the cooling effect on the filament secured by the employment of hydrogen and not be accrificed.

against any marked change taking place in the current-voltage characteristic. At the same time, the cooling effect on the filament secured by the employment of hydrogen need not be sacrificed, as it is possible to employ a gas having this additional property.

RADIO RECEPTION

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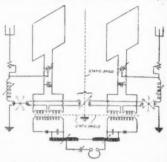
(Patent No. 1.471,165. Issued to Lester L. Jones, of New York, N. Y., October 16, 1923).

This invention aims to provide a receiving system whereby radio signals of low damping, and especially continuous waves, may be efficiently received with the exclusion of disturbances of all kinds resulting from waves or pulses of relatively high damping, or from waves differing in frequency from the signal waves.

The invention comprises a method wherein two receiving antennae or absorbing means, are

The invention comprises a method wherein two receiving antennae or absorbing means, are utilized which are designed to receive substan-tially equal amounts of wave energy of high

damping or of frequency substantially different from the signal frequency, and greatly unequal amounts of signal energy of low damping, and wherein the currents produced by the energy absorbed in the two antennae are separately recified and thereafter combined in opposition for operating the indicating means. The current resulting from energy absorbed from waves of high damping and from waves of a frequency substantially different from the signal frequency, are thus caused to neutralize each other in the indicating circut, while a signal current is produced in the indicating circuit by the absorbed signal wave energy of low damping and operates



the indicating device free from disturbance. The two receiving antennae should be electrically alike, should have low and equal dampinga, and should be in close proximity and electrically and magnetically decoupled one from the other. Loop antennae are best used because of the greater difficulty of decoupling open antennae. The loop antennae should both point in the same direction and should most desirably be symmetrically placed with respect to surrounding objects. For convenience in adjusting the setting of the loops, it is desirable to use loops of fairly small dimensions.

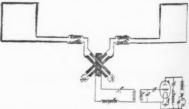
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Patent No. 1,468,060. Issued to Roy A. Wes-gant. of Roselle, New Jersey, September 18, gant, 1923).

gant, of Roselle, New Jersey, September 18, 1923).

In the investigation of static disturbances, I have discovered that antennae separated from one another by considerable distances appear to be acted upon by such disturbances substantially simultaneously, the effect being as though such disturbances were caused by electro-magnetic waves or impulses propagated perpendicularly to the surface of the earth, and almost without horizontal components. The effect, in other words, is as though these disturbances chieft originated at a great height above the earth and had their horizontal components substantially neutralized, so that widely separate antennae, if on the same level have disturbances set up in them which occur simultaneously.

I have reached this conclusion after numerous tests which appear to admit of no other explanation, but whether or not it is a correct state-



ment of the facts, I find that by proceeding on this assumption and using a directional combination of separated antennae, as hereinafter described, I am able to very largely overcome deinterference with reception caused by the most objectionable forms of atmospheric disturbance. The disturbing causes do not behave as though possessed of either definite wave length or derement, but set up in the antennae oscillations which have the frequency and the decrement of the antennae themselves, and by suitable adjusted to the continued on bage 1118)

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THIS Department is conducted for the benefit of our Radio Experimenter. We shall be glad to answer here questions for the benefit of all, but we can publish only such matter as is of sufficient interest to all.

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THREE STAGE A. F. CIRCUIT

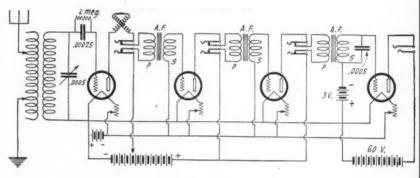
(834) Mr. R. I' Rinard, Argos, Ind., requests:
Q. 1. Please publish a hook-up for a detector
and three stages of audio frequency amplification
using WD-11 tubes. A Baldwin type C unit is to
be used on the third stage.
A. 1. This hook-up will be found in these columns. A separate "B" battery is advisable for,
the third stage of audio frequency, as shown. If
WD-11 tubes are used, three or four dry cells
should be connected in parallel for the filaments.
Q. 2. I have three All-American transformers
with ratios of 10:1, 5:1 and 3:1. In what stages
should these transformers be placed?
A. 2. These transformers should be placed in
first, second and third stages, as listed in this
question.

TUBE FOR AUTOPLEX CIRCUIT

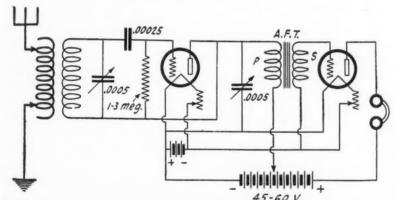
(835) Mr. Robert A. Lambert, Bethlehem, Pa.,

asks: Q. 1. 199 tul asks:

Q. 1. Will you please tell me whether a UV199 tube can be used as satisfactorily as the
UV-201A tube in the new Autoplex circuit?
A. 1. A UV-199 tube can be used with fair
success in the Autoplex circuit, but if sufficient



Plenty of Volume Will Be Had from This Three Stage Audio Frequency Amplifier. A Separate "B" Battery is Used on the Plate of the Last Amplifier Tube. O. 834.



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Ultra Audion. The .0005 mfd. Variable Detector Tube Controls the Regeneration. Q. 837. Good Results Will Be Had With the Well Known Ultra A Condenser Connected from the Plate to the Filament of the Detector

volume for the operation of a loud speaker is desired a UV-201A tube should be employed. As the Autoplex receiver is an amplifying circuit, a tube having a high amplification factor is neces-

STEP-UP TRANSFORMERS Mr. E. A. Burriss, Sellers, La., wants to (836)

(836) Mr. E. A. Burriss, Sellers, La, wants to know:

Q. 1. What is the difference between an A. C. and a D. C. step-up transformer?

A. 1. There is no such thing as a D. C. step-up transformer. A transformer relies upon the principle of induction for its operation, which is caused by the magnetic field of a pulsating or alternating current, expanding and collapsing in unison with the alternations, and in so doing, cutting the turns of a secondary coil, thereby inducing a voltage in direct ratio to the number of turns in this coil. As direct current has no fluctuating magnetic field, it cannot be used to operate a transformer. ate a transformer.

ULTRA-AUDION CIRCUIT

Mr. James B. Kendrick, Houston, Texas,

(837) Mr. James D. Action C., requests:
Q. 1. Please publish an Ultra-Audion hook-up with one stage of audio frequency amplification.
A. 1. This hook-up appears on these pages. A variocoupler is used as the tuner in this circuit. Regeneration is obtained and controlled by the variable condenser which is connected from the plate to the filament.

"B" BATTERY CHARGING

(838) Mr. J. R. Moore, South Boston, Va.,

(838) Mr. J. R. Moore, South Boston, Va., wants to know:

Q. 1. Kindly advise me through your "I-Want-to-Know" department if there is a way or means whereby I may connect the Balkite "A" battery charger to charge a "B" battery of about 40 volts.

A. 1. This battery charger is designed to charge a six-volt battery only and the voltage delivered from the rectifier is not high enough to charge a 45-volt "B" battery.

SELECTIVE SINGLE CIRCUIT RECEIVER

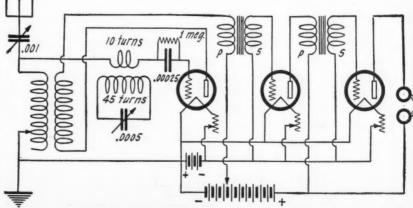
(839) Mr. A. J. Welzenback, Peoria, Ill.,

writes:

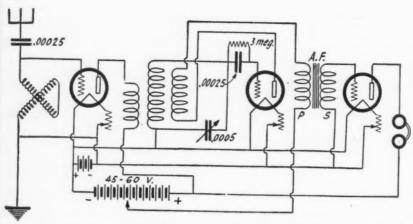
Q. 1. I have a single circuit receiving set employing two stages of audio frequency with a Magnavox. I would like to know if I could possibly increase the selectivity of this set.

A. 1. We are showing in these columns a hook-up of a single circuit receiver employing a method whereby great selectivity can be obtained. It consists of a wave trap placed in the secondary or grid circuit of the tuner. This wave trap has two coils, both wound on a 3-inch tube separated from each other by ½ inch.

Q. 2. What is the average range of a receiving set of this kind? My longest distance has been about 1,000 miles.



Q. 839. Great Selectivity Can Be Obtained with a Single Circuit Receiver by Using the System Shown Here. Both Coils Are Wound on the Same Tube.



Q. 841. Regeneration Can Be Used in Conjunction with a Radio Frequency Amplifier if This Circuit is Used. Details Are Given in the Text.

A. 2. 1,000 miles is considered a good average range for a receiver of this type. If you can receive consistently stations at this distance you have nothing to complain of.

THE SODION TUBE

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(840) Mr. Vincent Getty, jr., Chicago, Ill., vants to know:

Q. 1. Does the Sodion tube excel all other makes as a detector?

A. 1. There has been very little actual work done with this tube outside of the laboratory and we cannot say at this time whether it will excel all other makes for all around work. In a demonstration it showed great promise as a rectifier of weak signals, giving as much volume without regenerative receiver.

Q. 2. What A. F. and R. F. transformers operate most efficiently with it?

A. 2. Any good audio frequency transformer may be used with this tube. A special radio frequency transformer must be used, if it is employed directly ahead of the tube. This tube requires very loose coupling in a transformer or a tuner for best results, this coupling being determined by experiment. Two honeycomb coils of 25 and 50 turns for the primary and secondary may, be used as a tuned rado frequency transformer when using this tube. The secondary of the transformer should be shunted by a .0005-mid. capacity variable condenser.

Q. 3. Please give specially adapted for DX work with this tube.

A. 3. If this coupler is to be used with the Sodion tube without radio frequency it may take the form of an ordinary coupler with the exception that the secondary must be much more widely separated from the primary. As stated in answer to question No. 2, this coupling must be determined by experiment.

R.F. WITH REGENERATION

(841) Mr. R. F. Jones, Atlanta, Ga., requests:
Q. 1. Please publish a hook-up using one stage of radio frequency amplification, showing how regeneration can be obtained in the detector cir-

A. 1. This hook-up will be found herewith.

An ordinary variocoupler may be used in this circuit for a tuned radio frequency transformer.

Only a portion of the primary winding is used,

depending upon the diameter of the tube. If the tube is 3½ in. in diameter, approximately 37 turns will be employed and these are used as the secondary of the transformer. The primary of the transformer is made by winding 12 turns of No. 20 S.C.C. wire directly over the original primary winding. These two windings may be separated by a tight-fitting cardboard tube. The secondary, or rotor, of the coupler is used in this case to obtain regeneration by connecting it in the plate circuit of the detector tube.

give two secondary voltages of 550 and each file-ment winding will deliver 10 volts.

C.W. TRANSMITTER

Mr. Willid Graves, Los Angeles, Calif., (843)

writes: Q. 1. July iss s:
1. Please publish the hook-up given in the issue under question No. 708, using Kenorectifier tubes in place of the chemical recti-

tron rectifier tubes in place of the chemical rectifier shown.

A. 1. This hook-up will be found in these columns. Two Kenotron rectifying tubes are used
in place of the chemical rectifier.

Q. 2. What kind of coil is it that is numbered
L-300 used in this circuit?

A. 2. This coil is a Duo-Lateral or a honeycomb coil of 300 turns.

REFLEX CIRCUITS

(844) Mr. E. Beauchamp, Riverside, Calif., wants to know:
Q. 1. In reference to the Erla hook-ups in the December RADIO NEWS, would like to know how to connect a loop aerial to each of the sets.
A. 1. A loop aerial can be used with either of these receivers by connecting it to the input of the first tube in place of the secondary of the tuner.

tuner.

Q. 2. Can a Gold Grain detector be used in stead of a fixed crystal detector in these circuita?

A. 2. A Gold Grain detector will function very satisfactorily when used for rectification in either of these circuits.

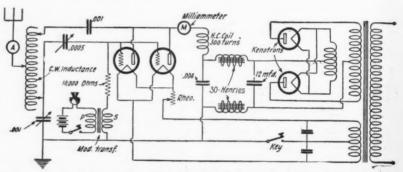
GREBE CR-13 RECEIVER

(845) Mr. Clarence Selley, Benkelman, Neb., writes:

Please publish diagram of the Grebe

Q. 1. Please publish diagram of the Grebe CR-13, short wave receiver.

A. 1. This diagram appears herewith. It will be seen upon close examination that this is a single circuit receiver using a radio frequency transformer with a tuned secondary. The vario-



Q. 843. Here is the Circuit for a Good 10-Watt C.W. and Phone Transmitter. Kenotron Tubes

Are Used to Rectify the Plate Voltage.

C.W. TRANSFORMER DESIGN

(842) Mr. C. M. Curtiss, Montreal, Canada,

asks: Q. 1.

asks:

Q. 1. Kindly publish complete details for the construction of a 200-watt transformer similar to the Acme C.W. transformer.

A. 1. A 200-watt transformer may be constructed as follows: A core 8 x 6 x 2 in. sq. is required. The primary will consist of 414 turns of No. 14 D.C.C. wire. The secondary will consist of 4,574 turns of No. 34 D.C.C. wire tapped at the 2,287 turn. The two filament windings will consist of 38 turns of No. 14 D.C.C. wire. Each of these two windings should also have center taps at the 19th turn. This transformer will

meter used for tuning is wound with approximately 19 turns on each half of the stator and rotor coils; the entire instrument consists of 76 turns of wire. No. 14 or No. 16 D.C.C. wire should be employed in this instrument. The coil in the plate circuit of the radio frequency tube consists of 15 turns of No. 26 S.C.C. wire wound on a tube approximately 4½ inches in diameter. This winding in inductive relation to the stator winding of the second variometer. This variometer is wound with No. 16 D.C.C. wire employing 23 turns for each half of the stator and rotor coils, giving a total of 92 turns for the complete variometer.

QUESTIONS ON THE AERIOLA SR.

(846) Mr. M. Rodgers, Ft. Wayne, Ind., requests:

quests:

Q. 1. Please publish the wiring data, size of coils, etc., of the Aeriola Sr.

A. 1. This information will be found in answer to question 636 in the "I-Want-to-Know" column of the April, 1923, issue of RADIO NEWS.

Q. 2. How high will a receiver of this kind time? tune?

A. 2. This receiver will tune to a wave-length of approximately 600 meters.

ELIMINATING CAPACITY EFFECTS

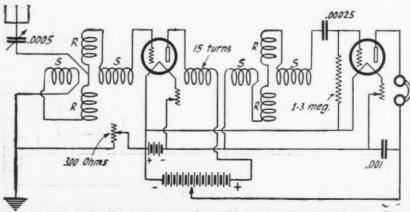
(847) Mr. C. A. Steiner, New York, N. Y., writes:

writes:

Q. 1. I have a circuit consisting of a variocoupler, using a variable condenser to tune the
secondary and a variometer in the plate circuit
for regeneration. How can I eliminate the body
capacity effects which are very pronounced in this
receiver?

A. 1. The regular method of eliminating body capacity effects is to shield the back of the pad with tinfoil or copper and connect this shield in the ground. We believe, however, that if your secondary varable condenser is connected in the circuit with the movable plates connected to the filament, you will not be troubled by capacity effects.

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Q. 845. The Circuit Above is That Used in the Grebe CR-13 Amateur Short Wave Receiver. This Arrangement Employs Two Split Variometers.

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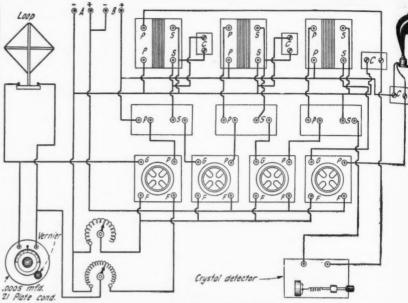
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Q. 851. Circuit Diagram of the Acme Four-Tube Reflex Receiver Using Three Radio and Three 'Audio Frequency Transformers. Further Details Are Given in the Text.

What determines the number of circuits

O. 2. What determines the number of circuits of a receiver?

A. 2. A receiver using a single coil for tuning is generally known as a single circuit set, but this may or may not have regeneration by means of the feed-back method. If a variometer is used to obtain regeneration it means that the plate circuit must be tuned, giving a two-circuit receiver. A three-circuit receiver consists of one wherein there are three circuits to tune, namely: the primary, secondary and plate circuits.

F. TRANSFORMER IN REFLEX

(848) Mr. H. Sheckard, Chicago, Ill., wants to

know:

Q. 1. Can an audio frequency transformer with a ratio of 4¼:1 be used in place of a 6:1 ratio transformer in a three-tube reflex circuit?

A. 1. It is always advisable to use a low ratio transformer whenever possible in a reflex receiver, and for this reason better results should be obtained with the transformer of a 4½:1 ratio.

Q. 2. What is the maximum wave-length range of the Autoplex circuit?

A. 2. If variometers of large size are used in this circuit, it should tune from 200 to about 540 meters.

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540 meters.

(849) Mr. B. G. Brabec, Chicago, Ill., asks: Q. 1. I have discovered a hook-up which seems to be better than any I have tried before, including most standard ones. Would it be worth while to obtain a patent on the hook-up?

A. I. If your new hook-up has incorporated in

A. 1. If your new hook-up has incorporated in it something new that has not been used before, a patent might be obtained. If, however, you are using regeneration, no patent could be had, as any circuit of this kind is already covered by the Armstrong patents. If regeneration is not used and you think the results obtained are worth

while, we would suggest that you get in touch with some reliable patent attorney.

R.F. TRANSFORMERS IN REFLEX

(850) Mr. Erwin Hollingsworth, Salina, Kan-

(850) Mr. Erwin Hollingsworth, Salina, Kansas, requests:

Q. 1. What are the ratios of the radio frequency transformers in the four-tube Reflex Receiver as described in the July issue of RADIO NEWS?

A. 1. Radio frequency transformers are designed for a particular band of wave-lengths and have no definite ratio, such as audio frequency transformers. There is now on the market a radio frequency transformer especially designed for reflex circuits which will prove very satisfactory.

Q. 2. Can a stage of radio frequency amplification with a transformer be added to a single circuit regenerative receiver?

A. 2. Radio frequency can be added to practically any standard circuit, but it would be of no advantage to use one stage with a single circuit receiver, as in this case regeneration will be sacrificed and the tuning would be very much broader.

ACME REFLEX CIRCUIT

(851) Mr John Beresford, of Mount Vernon,

(851) Art John M. Y., writes:
Q. 1. Kindly publish the Acme four-tube reflex circuit in connection with a loop aerial.
A. 1. The circuit you ask for will be found

A. 1. The circuit you ask for will be found on this page.
Q. 2. What are the capacities of the fixed condensers connected across the audio frequency transformer secondaries and also the one across the loud speaker?

transformer secondaries and also the one across the loud speaker?

A. 2. The capacities of the fixed condensers from left to right are: .00025 mfd.; .00025 mfd.; .0002 mfd. and the one across the loud speaker.

SEVEN STANDARD STATIONS

Seven radio stations have been named by the Bureau of Standards as maintaining sufficiently consant transmission frequencies to serve as standards for calibrating wave meters and radio receiving appartus. Two, KDKA and WGY, are broadcasters.

The stations, located in Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland, include one Naval station, four Radio Corporations, One General Electric

and one Westinghouse station. The Tuckerton station of the R. C. A. leads the seven in accuracy, deviating only 0.1 per cent in 36 tests of its assigned frequency; all the other stations are, however, not deviating on an average of over 3%, and should serve as fairly accurate measures of frequencies.

The seven stations follow with their frequencies and other data:

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Station	Owner	Location	Assigned frequency, kcs.	Period covered by measurements	No. of times measured	Greatest deviation	Average deviation
WOL	R.C.A.	Coram Hill,					
		L. I., N. Y.	17.13	Aug. 24-Oct. 12	16	1.2 per cent	0.3 per cen
NSS	U.S.N.	Annapolis, Md.	17.48	Aug. 24-Oct. 12	30	0.5 per cent	0.2 per cen
WOK	R.C.A.	Rocky Point,					
2	40.01461	L. I., N. Y.	18.21	Aug. 24-Oct. 12	22	0.4 per cent	0.2 per cen
WGG	R.C.A.	Tuckerton.	30.22	2248. 27 220. 22		orr per com	one per
	26.0122.	No. 1, N. J.	18.85	Aug. 24-Oct. 12	36	0.4 per cent	0.1 per cent
WSO	R.C.A.	Marion, Mass.	25.80	Aug. 27-Oct. 12	36	0.6 per cent	0.2 per cent
WGY	G.E.	Schenectady,	20100	(380 meters)	-	ore ber come	ola pro a
*****	G.L.	N. Y.	790	June to Oct.	34	0.5 per cent	0.2 per cent
KDKA	W.E.M.	E. Pittsburgh,	170	(326 meters)	0.4	or ber cent	o.s per sem
KDKA	W.E.DL.		920	June to Oct.	30	0.6 per cent	0.3 per cent
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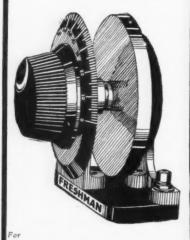
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Transmissions from seven stations may be used in standardizing apparatus, by the methods given in Bureau of Standards Let-ter Circular 92, "Radio Signals of Standard Frequency, and Their Utilization.

AMATEUR ABBREVIATIONS

Radio amateurs and fans have originated and are at the present time developing a universal language of their own. It has even been intimated that some day this or a similar elaborated language may become useful to the peoples of the whole world as an abbreviated language for the written word.

Hundreds of radio fans and amateurs are now using many of the standard radio code terms and phrases in their writings, and several are successfully using the code for making notes in their daily business.

There is nothing mysterious or remarkable in the code. It is very simple and not unlike the Phillips code, which is generally used by wire telegraphers in sending press despatches. This radio code is based upon phonetic spelling, and in a long word many of the letters are deleted. For example, the word radiation in radio code is cut down to

but three letters—rdn.
Following is a list of the most prominent, used by every dyed-in-the-wool radio ama-

teur:

Code Phrase F.B.—fine business 0.M.—old man O.W .- old woman -hear or here hrd-heard

u---you wen---when ur—your spk—speak gud—good hv—have gud-hv-ruf-

-rough pt-point tubd-too bad guess know or no

vy-very cond-condenser freq-frequency thot-thought

worked hwsat-how's that hw---bow

cu—see you again cul—see you again cul—see you later 73—best regards B4-before 2nite—tonight ltr—letter

Sorry tt-that gg going shud—should abt—about trub—trouble wid—with

gnd—ground rdn—radiation entpse—counterpoise bi-by

hi-radio laugh mi-my onli-only gv-give sum—some dif—difference -enough cud-could -working inpt—input impt—important pri—primary secondary secwy-wave wl-will

Phrase

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CRA—Commonwealth Radio
Ass'n come thr-there r—are ru—are you cld—called el-call

elg-calling rite—write
DX—long distance
mrw—tomorrow tmrw—ton

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Correspondence from Readers

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Why, oh why, is there anything in the world other than a C.W. brass pounder! The writer is one of the great army of simple ordinary garden variety of BCLs, and as such, other noises of the ether interest him not at all. Night after night, he has hunted through the directory to locate a distant sta-tion, to get its time on the air, its wave-length and power, and then after much tuning and straining of ears, finally gets a faint whisper which he hopes is the desired goal; but just about the time the call is in order, a dot and dash hound owning station 6NIX starts in to tell 4MORE that he once knew starts in to tell 4MORE that he once knew a fellow who knew of another fellow who had almost worked 3BUGS using a flea powder can for an antenna. The result can easily be imagined. The patiently sought for announcement goes a-glimmering, another long wait is quite the proper thing, and there are excellent chances of the same disastrous results. And all because two individuals would have speech with one another while the station they are murdering is entertaining thousands.

The writer experienced this trouble very early in the game, and on the advice of experts discarded his four-tube single-circuit set and invested in a three-tube Reflex out-fit to be used with loop. But not being able to raise any DX stuff, and having the mistaken idea that he had as much right to use the atmosphere as anyone else, finally pur-chased a five-tube Neutrodyne go-getter. Being able to reach out further only made

matters worse for now there is a whole flock of "splatter-buzz" to dodge.

This bunch of grief is directed principally at the owners of spark, unfiltered C.W. and I.C.W. stations though those operating pure C.W. outfirs with solid income and the control of the C.W. outfits using solid ivory condenser plates in their wavemeter instead of a good piece of hard rolled aluminum are also helping to make the air dirty. It is surprising how high some 200-meter C.W. stations can get and still imagine they are only pushing out 200 bumps at a time. But be that as it may the spark boys are the ones who win the rubber pointed ice pick. They seem to have the impression that Darwin evolved air for their special and sole benefit. The broad-cast stations have millions invested for the simple purpose of giving free entertain-ment, knowledge and pleasure to millions, and against this deluge of progress and enlightenment, a few short-sighted ether dis-rupters would pit their puny strength, for, according to latest returns, there are 2,790,-045 receiving sets in commission, with an estimated listening in audience of 11,160,180.

Look through any of our excellent radio magazines and 95 per cent of the reading matter and advertisements carried are made up to register on the despised and never-to-be-considered BCL. But the worm is turning; in fact, one has already turned, and the rest of his life will be spent in the occupation of trying to get some clean air laboring under the policy of common sense, and the most good to the greatest number.

W. Ed. Edwards,

285 W. Washington St. Pasadena, Calif.

THAT'S THE SPIRIT

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

This is my first "pop off," but not my last as long as I read RADIO NEWS. Having just got my November copy, I looked it over and noticed Mr. Kamp's letter. I think his idea of amateurs teaching code is a great one.



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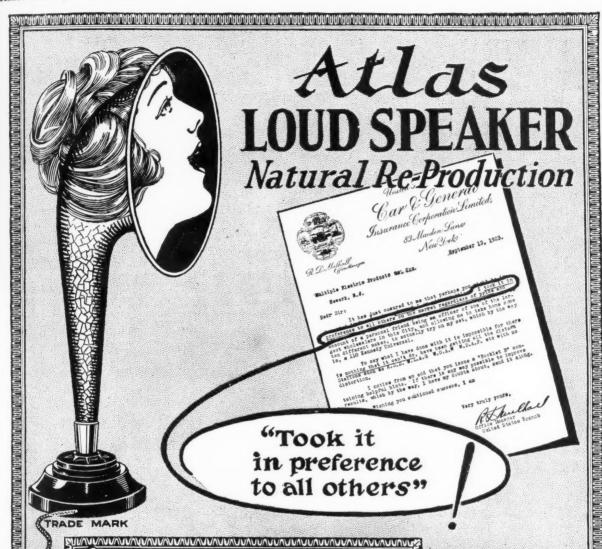
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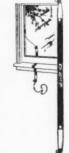
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Another thing I would like to say is that I have yet to meet an amateur who would an amateur, back in 1913, who got me interested in wireless, and an amateur is helping me erect a transmitter now. He has given me hook-ups of his own that have helped me very much. I believe the amateur and BCL will have to co-operate before radio

will be a very great success.

I hope to be in the amateur ranks very soon and will help all I can.

ROBERT B. HECKERT,

R. F. D. 7, Box 30, Independence, Kan.

WANTS TO LEARN CODE.

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

After reading the "Correspondence From Readers" column, I cannot refrain from making some comment on the subject discussed.

First, I am a BCL and I want to say that if the "hams" in my town were willing to give me some "dope" on the code and special slang used, the rest of the BCLs and myself would have less to say about the interference caused by "hams," for the ditinterference caused by "hams," for the dit-dot would be just as fascinating as the squeal from Cuba. However, I haven't run across a "ham" as yet. As to an attempt at getting together, nothing has been done on either side. I am in favor of a "get-to-gether" to stop hard feeling.

I am using a honeycomb set and yet on 500 meters I can hear the rock crusher on the same block going full blast. I am employed now as a builder of radio sets and have had experience with all sorts of circuits. I still have to see a set that will tune sharply enough to eliminate the old fashioned rock crusher, for that is what it sounds like in the phones. I am in favor of abolishing the single circuit receiver as well as the spark transmitter. Above all, let's We all have equal rights on the air. Just because a fellow knows a bit more about the science does not mean that he should have more rights on the air.

B. LUNIN, BCL.

128 Court St., Newark, N. J.

FLORIDA'S RADIO

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

Both you and Mr. Perry probably realize by now that anyone who writes of Florida invariably starts something. May I add my little bit?

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in the afternoon, but we cannot get it. We have to wait for dark and then we catch it. We are not DX hounds, but we thankfully take anything that comes. I get all of our stuff between 6:30 and 10:30 p. m. stuff between 6:30 and 10:30 p. m. Contrary to the general opinion, a hotel man does get tired, even though he apparently does nothing. The following is my station list: KDKA, KYW, PWX, WBAP, WBAV, WBZ, WCAP, WCX, WDAR, WEAF, WFAA, WFI, WGM, WGR, WGY, WHAS, WHAZ, WHB, WIP, WJAR, WJAX, WJAZ, WKAG, WMAK, WMC, WOAI, WOC, WOO, WOR, WOS, WRC, WSAI, WSB, WSY, WTAM and 6KW. 6KW.

So, if you will ask your friends to quit telling people, "There is no radio in Flor-ida," we will not have to tear our set apart to show that there is no phonograph con-cealed. That "I know you are lying" look that you get when you tell a man he has just heard Pittsburgh on the loud speaker certainly is annoying. They drive our deal-ers crazy. Yes, dealers. We have three in a town of 6,000. I don't know how many sets there are in town, but I have nine friends who are hunting for the guy who

lets his set oscillate all evening.

So I rise to say, "We have radio in this part of Florida."

G. P. Allen, Austin Hotel, Daytona, Fla.

APPLAUSE

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

Speaking of applause cards sent to the entertainers at the various stations in appreciation of their efforts, here's mine showing

B C L Station

Le Roy Howard



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CRYSTAL RECEPTION

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

After hearing so much about crystal sets being only for short distance, I am sending you my record. Using a galena crystal and no amplification, I've heard 29 stations, 21 over 500 miles and four over 1,000 miles. I use no special circuit only a tuning coil and an 11-plate condenser. The phones are 3,000 There is no tube set in the immediate ohms. There is no vicinity. The nearest are three, six, seven and eight miles, respectively. The farthest station is KHJ, which is 1,200 miles. I got KHJ, WJAZ and PWX twice this season (since October 1st). I have received the following stations: WOC, Davenport, 934 following stations: WOC, Davenport, 934 worth, 240 miles; miles; WBAP, Fort Worth, 240 miles; WFAA, Dallas, 250 miles; WHB, Kansas City, 694 miles; WFAA, miles; WJAD, Waco, 172 miles; WOS, Jefferson City, 720 miles; WMC, Memphis, 624 miles; WKY, Oklahoma City, 428 miles; WOAW, Omaha, 840 miles; PWX, Ha-



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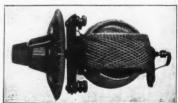
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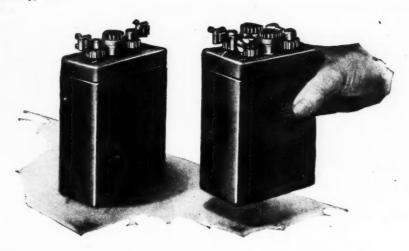
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With further reference to the bootleg tube situation: In the December issue, Mr. J. W. Jackson of Brooklyn, N. Y., states that the manufacturers of legitimate tubes are encouraging bootleggers to manufacture tubes by not offering legitimate tubes to the public at \$1.50 or \$2.50.

Those people who are inclined to make use of bootleg tubes are merely encouraging the bootleggers and causing legitimate manufacturers much unnecessary trouble and expense the cost of which will naturally be wiped off-in the sale of tubes.

By supporting bootleggers in buying their filthy wares you, and everyone else buying them, are responsible for the high price of legitimate tubes.

I believe in fair play, I also believe that the best tubes can only come from the great laboratories which have the facilities to manufacture them. Their research engineers are YEARS AND YEARS ahead of any of these fly-by-night concerns which are turning out fairly good Mazda lamps for vacuum tubes. We cannot, on the outside, realize how far ahead these great companies are, until we attempt to file a patent and have an investigation made of the files to ascertain whether our patent is worth while or not—then the truth dawns upon us

Numerous foolish devices have been brought out by concerns that ought to know better—and tried to get by the patents of the vacuum tube. Don't fool yourself into believing that any outsider can make vacuum tubes AS GOOD, not to say BETTER, than the legitimate makers, because, while this country is fairly large, there are no other concerns as large as that one—no concerns which have the brains at work in their research laboratories-no concerns in this country which can legitimately manufacture a three-element vacuum tube

There is no argument at all—the proof is so convincing that one must call black white in order to mis-state the facts.

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CONDITIONS IN SOUTH AMERICA

Editor, RADIO NEWS:
This has been my first visit to South America in four years. In that four years commercial, naval and amateur radio has The gone forward in whirlwind fashion. pace has not been so rapid in Brazil for the unfortunate amateur. In scouting the city for a few parts required for the ship's set. I was amazed to see but one or two antennae that would have been a great credit to a twelve-year-old "radio plebe."

The tube transmitters are fast taking the place of spark in this section of the world, as well as in North America and Europe. In my line of duties with the stations equipped for continuous waves, it appeared that



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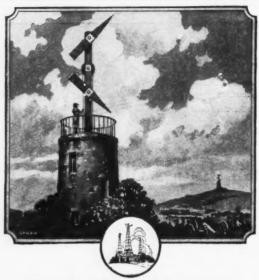
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they are not yet fully acquainted with its proper method of operation. They change from one wave to another very rapidly without the proper "QSY" and the plate supply is poor and unsteady. It is, indeed, a very hard task to master a radiogram transmitted from one of these naval or commercial stations.

The amateur, I am informed by a reliable source, is nil. For one to transmit on any wave in Brazil places himself in a wobbly chair with a serious charge hanging over him. To receive broadcast music, one must pay a rather high tax in addition to an outrageous price for the receiver. Two of the largest and well known radio and electrical manufacturers have branches here. Neither of them carry radio apparatus.

Argentina is a bird of another color. The story is directly the opposite. Amateurs are in abundance, as are broadcasting stations, but their waves! Good heavens! It is possible to tune them in from 200 to 2,000 meters! I am referring to only a few, the majority of them being on a good sharp wave between 200 and 600 meters!

It is indeed a simple task to listen, on per-haps a wave of 590 meters and enjoy several concerts at the same time! If our broadcastconcerts at the same time! If our proaccast-ing regulations were in existence here, the "please repeat" would not be the familiar saying of several ships and stations within a few hundred miles of Buenos Aires. Modulation in practically every studio is perfect. It should be. They arise at 7 A. M., start a series of tests in broadcasting and continue until well after midnight.

Buenos Aires itself is a beautiful city. The amateur and broadcasting aerials, to the American eye, corrupt the beauty. aerial in particular, I noted. When When I saw it about a mile from its location, I was amazed because it was a beauty for an amateur to own or build. We (my friends and co-operators) hurried to the spot to see more clearly. Here is how it was built. The masts were constructed of 3/4-in. angle iron, about 8 ft. at the base and extending into distance of 100 ft., having a double cage with a cage lead-in to the shack between the masts. But wait! There were eight guy wires from each mast, from the top, and a little over the middle. Not one of them was less than 100 ft. in length and there was not an insulator from top to bottom! The guy wires were brought down to a steel fence that enclosed the building. A counterpoise of eight wires on steel spreaders with a few porcelain insulators, ran from mast to mast about 12 ft. above the ground. The cage lead-in entered the shack between the fourth and fifth wires of the counterpoise a few feet above the top of the small building.

In order to purchase apparatus here, one must have a very good income. The prices are approximately 200 to 250 per cent higher than in the United States. Of course, one must realize that everything is imported. I purchased two .006 and one .0002 paper condensers, a U.V.-712 transformer, 30 feet of No. 16 wire (R.C.) and two jacks. The bill was \$13 in American money. How many hams would there be in the States if prices like that prevailed?

The static is detrimental to DX reception, although a few boys from the States roll in; 5MS is the most persistent that I can recall The list I compiled has been introduced to the "W.B." It cannot be found and I am sorry that I am unable to tell who they were. For commercial DX records and using a tube transmitter, it is "WIM." We copy him at this port, a distance of 5,375 miles. WSA is next, then WCY. The last two use spark not exceeding nine and five kilowaths respectively.

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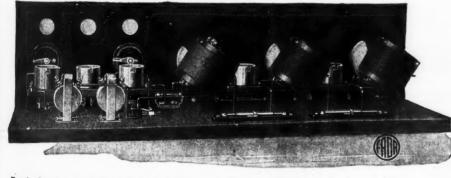
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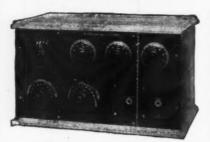
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The Use of Headphones and Loud Speakers

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Good reliable the permanent magnets. phones are marked so that connections are properly made. Thus some phones are marked by means of coded wire, that is, the two terminals of the phones are connected to wires having different cov-Thus one wire has a red stripe erings. running through its cotton insulation, the other wire may have a pure black insulating covering with no stripe. In such cases the manufacturers specify that the red stripe terminal is to be connected to the positive side of the circuit.

Where no instructions at all are given, the following method should be followed to determine which wire is positive. Connect the phones in circuit and listen to signals and judge the intensity of the signals. Now connect the phones in the opposite way and again listen to signals and judge the intensity. The connection which gives loudest signals is the correct connection, for then the direct current flows through the winding in such a manner as to assist the permanent magnetism. If the above care is taken in the use of headsets, the user should have no trouble on account of reduced sensitivity of

headsets. Another precaution to observe in the use of headsets is that poor results will be obtained if headsets are used on two or more stages of amplification. Ordinarily head telephones are designed to handle a very limited amount of energy. In fact, this is the great virtue of the headset, that it will respond to absurdly small amounts of energy. When the energy put into a headset is increased to very large amounts, distortion of the to very large amounts, distortion of the signal is produced. A peculiar rattling of the diaphragm is observed and the natural period of the telephone diaphragm becomes very annoying. Every telephone diaphragm has a certain natural period which is generally in the neighborhood of about erally in the neighborhood of about 900 or 1,000 cycles per second. The telephones, therefore, respond best to frequencies of this pitch, which accounts always for the prominence of a certain note in telephone reception. When the input into the telephones becomes very great, this resonance becomes more marked than ever, is very disagreeable and spoils reception. Also just as it is possible to overload any piece of machinery or equipment, that is, give it more to do than it

possible to overload a pair of telephones. By applying too much energy to the headset and giving it more than it can stand, distortion becomes more marked. This almost invariably happens when listening to two or more stages of audio frequency amplification, and explains why listeners do not enjoy broadcasting when listening to the output of the second stage as much as they do when listening right after the detector or first stage. The telephones can handle the energy delivered to them by the detector or first stage without producing distortion, while they cannot do this in the second or third stage. Besides there is really no reason why anybody should listen to the output of the second stage of an audio amplifier with a headset. This signal is loud enough for phone reception in the detector and first stage, and the second stage simply produces a volume of sound which very uncomfortable. For phone re-

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ception the output of the first stage of the audio frequency amplifier is sufficient. THE LOUD SPEAKER

In fact the object of the second stage of audio frequency amplification is to enable a loud speaker to be operated so that very large volume may be secured and so that the sound may be heard throughout a room. Results obtained with loud speakers vary all over the map. of course, depending upon what type of loud speaker is used. This depends upon what kind of telephone receiver is used and what kind of horn is used. If the ordinary type of low energy telephone receiver, as for example the ordinary type of headset, the same kind of distortion and unsatisfactory results will be secured. as mentioned in the previous paragraph. The best that can happen in such a case the volume of sound is increased. The quality will, however, not be the best. There are now some receivers on the market which are purported to be loud speaking receivers. These are able to handle considerably more energy than the ordinary type of headset, and there-fore do give fair results.

Loud speakers, like telephone receivers have a natural period of vibration due to the diphragm which introduces a certain amount of distortion. This particular frequency is amplified more than others with the result that the reproduced speech is somewhat unnatural. This is a defect of all instruments with diaphragms which it is very difficult to eliminate, and which constitutes one of the big problems of

loud speaker design.

The horn is a very important part of the loud speaker, this part having a great influence on the quality of the reproduced speech. One of the important factors in this connection is the type of material of which the horn is made, whether metal, wood, fibre, etc. It is found that a horn also has a natural period of vibration; in fact, it may have several periods of vibration depending upon its shape Each of these periods results in a marked resonance as a result of which certain speech or musical frequencies are emphasized more than others, and thus a distortion is produced. Thus metallic horns are frequently said to have a tinny sound, which is due to the properties of the metal horn. Wooden or fibre horns are not supposed to have this marked resonance phenomenon, and are therefore supposed to reproduce more naturally. This is probably true and accounts for the fact that the talking machines, though originally built with metal horns, are now exclusively made with wooden horns. Fibre horns are coming into use and seem to give very good results. The shape of the horn has considerable to do with the reproducing qualities of the loud speaker, but indications so far point to the ordinary bell shaped horn as the best. The subject is only in its infancy, however, and is only now being studied by those who are interested.

A number of firms market complete loud speakers including the telephone unit and the horn. In such cases it is best to buy the product of a reliable and old manufacturer who has specialized in the manufacture of telephones and loud speakers. A few such reliable concerns exist at present and the novice should have no difficulty in getting as good a product as can be turned out.

The loud speaker is generally connected directly in the output circuit of the audio frequency amplifier, exactly where the head telephones would be connected Unless the receiving station is very close

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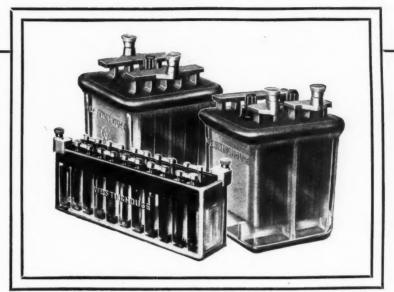
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to the transmitter it will be found necessary to employ two stages of audio frequency amplification to get good results on a loud speaker. One stage will give altogether too weak a signal to listen to comfortably. Sometimes trouble is experienced in connecting the loud speaker directly in the plate circuit of the last tube and distortion results. This is due to what is called saturation of the loud speaking telephone. When a large direct current flows through a magnet it be-comes magnetized, but if the current exceeds a certain strength the magnetization of the core does not follow the current, and distortion results. The only way to overcome this is to prevent direct current from flowing through the loud speaker magnet. This may be accom-plished by means of the circuit shown in Fig. 1. Here L is a large iron core choke coil having a high inductance, about 50 henries will do, and C is a ½ to 1 microfarad condenser. By using this connection the direct current is made to flow through the inductance L and the audio frequency voltages which are amplified developed in this inductance. This audio frequency voltage then passes through the condenser C which has a very low reactance and through the loud speaker, which is then actuated. Thus the only current flowing through the loud speaker is the audio frequency current which is the only current which produces sound. Thus the direct current is prevented from flowing through the loud speaker, saturation of the magnetic core of the loud speaker is avoided and distortion due to this cause is eliminated.
In conclusion; if the reader will keep in

mind the important points in connection with the use of headphones and loud speakers covered in this article, he will save himself

considerable trouble.

Transient Phenomena in Audio Frequency **Transformers**

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But we now discover that if we increase the turn ratio we introduce distortion and one of the most commonly given reasons for this effect is that the secondary does not respond proportionately beyond certain frequencies for a given voltage variation in

One of the limiting factors in transformer amplification seems to rest in the fact that when we wind a very large number of turns of secondary upon a primary coil, the losses in the secondary become greater at higher frequencies. These losses may be represented by the swinging of a long pointer held in the hand—as the inertia or weight of the pointer will carry the end beyond the swing of the hand, or will cause vibration of the natural frequency of the pointer, or the resistance of the air will check it and various mechanical effects will react on it in such a way that the far end of the pointer does not vary exactly with the speed and direction of the hand which guides the pointer.

A beam of light reflected from a mirror held in the hand would be an example of the ideal condition which is desirable, but in the transformer the wire has resistance, and many turns wound in a small space have finhave characteristic periods due to its induction and distributed capacity, as well as other inductance and capacity in the exter-

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In making a good transformer, we are

primarily concerned in preserving very minute variations as well as an average or "voice envelope." This is a highly import-

ant distinction.

Many transformers of the "flat-range amplification curve" will unquestionably give remarkable amplification for average audio variations, but they will not preserve the delicate nuances of the voice or music characteristics. These shadow effects are every-thing in musical quality. If we preserve them we have the genuine quality of the orchestra or singer—at least as far as the microphone and tubes can pass these to the transformer. If we do not preserve these delicate values, we blunt the points of each super-audible variation and the result is what

super-audible variation and the result is what we usually blame on the loud speaker.

Some of the audio frequencies are extremely high. If our violin, for example, is on a high note, such as upper E, its pitch frequency is 652 cycles per second, but its harmonics or super-audio frequencies may be many times this frequency and we must preserve as many harmonics in amplification as the ear is capable of originally hearing. These frequencies are often in signal

strength in relation to the dominant frequen-cy, of the order of 1:100 or even more. Furthermore, the harmonics are not strictly sine form. They are without regularity,

but in the process of transmission and amplification the tendency is to make them sine shaped.

In conclusion we may say that many im-portant considerations in transformer design have been slighted, because the importance of faithfully preserving the minute audio variations has been subordinated to the electrical standards based upon amplification efficiency at artificial frequencies. The remedy is to perfect the design not by the use of amplification curves, but by the study of transient conditions as they exist in normal speech or music.

New Radio Patents

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ments, I find it possible to cause the electromotive forces, induced in two or more antennae whe attended the same wave length, decrement, and phase, so that by opposing their effect on the detector circuit substantial neutralization, may be accomplished.

The effects produced upon two such antennae by signals will, however, be out of phase with one another, except when the signal is received in a line at right angles to a plane common to the antennae. This difference of phase will be greatest when the antennae are in a common plane which also passes through the point of origin of the signals.

I have found that with such an arrangement it is possible to cause the effects produced in a plurality of antennae to be so combined differentially the effects due to static and those due to signals coming in a direction at right angles to the plane of the antennae, while combining cummon plane of the antennae, while combining cummon plane of the antennae or from directions not to nearly at right angles thereto.

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In my own practice of the invention up to this time, I have found it desirable to bring leading in wires from the antennae to a common point preferably, but not necessarily, to the center of the antenna system.

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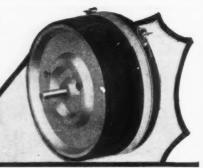
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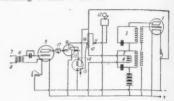
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circuit of the element that controls the oscillating conditions (comprising a three electrode tube arranged as a detector in accordance with the previous applications). The vibrator system is preferably arranged in a special manner by the combination of the two electro-magnetic relays. The invention will be more clearly understood by reference to the single figure of the enclosed drawing which illustrates an embodimen of the invention. As shown, the arrangement comprises a three electrode tube 1, operating by appropriate circuits as a generator for maintaining oscillations in one or the other of the oscillating circuits 2 and 3.



Normally, the circuit 2 is oscillating, but this oscillating condition may be destroyed and the circuit 3 set into oscillation due to the variations in the conditions of the circuit with which a coil 4 is associated, the coil being, for example, inductively connected with the circuit 2. As shown, this coil 4 is included in the plate circuit of a three electrode tube 5 arranged as a detector. This tube is actuated by the oscillations received through the coupling transformer 6, the primary terminals 7 and 8 of which are connected with the antenna of the station. In accordance with the present invention there is provided in series in the plate circuit of tube 5 the coil of relay 9 and a certain portion of an integrating device such as portion 10 of the resistance of a thermostat. The thermostat has a contact 11 through which the call indicating apparatus 12 (bell, test lamp, etc.) is placed in a circuit. When the armature 13 of relay 9 engages the contact the coil of relay 14 is connected in the battery circuit. When the armature 15 of this relay makes contact it shunts the portion 10 of the thermostat resistance and subjects the second portion 16 of the said resistance to the total potential of a common battery provided for heating the two tubes 1 and 5, for feeding the plate circuit of tube 5, for feeding the plate circuit of the similarly marked terminals of the circuits. A milliammeter 17 may be provided for regulating the circuit.

A New Invention for Selective Reception

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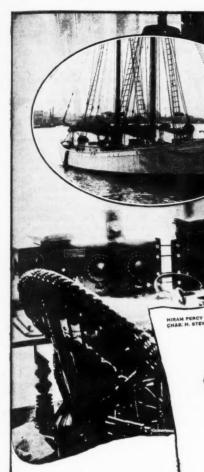
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desired currents of 2,000,000 frequency, the heterodyne currents will produce beats of 1,000 frequency which will produce a musical note of 1,000 in the telephone receivers. With the interfering signals, the local oscillations will produce beats having a frequency of 13,300. This frequency, to all intents and purposes, may be treated as above the audible limit, and the desired signals would, therefore, be received in the telephone receivers without any interference whatever from the undesired signals, even though in the initial aerial circuit the frequency difference amounted to only 132 cycles.

The advantages to be gained from the method outlined in this article are supplemented by resonance tuning and in practice a frequency multiplication of 100 times would not be necessary. It will readily be appreci-ated that even a multiplication of only 2 will double the difference in frequency between desired and undesired signals. This means that we can increase the "elbow room," as it were, for signals of any particular wavelength, and greater selectivity is thereby obtained. Alternatively, we can say that by doubling the frequency of the incoming signals we can have twice as many channels of communication in any given band of wavelengths. If, for example, we take Alexanderson's figure of 35 channels of communication between 11,000 and 22,000 meters, by frequency doubling we can increase this to 70. By multiplying the frequency 10 times, we could have 350 stations working between these two extreme wave-lengths. If we multiply the frequency of signals 100 times, we could have 3,500 stations working.

By the application of this invention to longdistance communication, it would therefore seem that the problem of the congestion of

the ether has been solved.

While this method of reception marks a third stage in the progress of selective reception, both resonance tuning and beat reception retain all their former usefulness; in fact, heterodyne reception becomes even more important as it now becomes a really effective process in the reception of continuous waves of great length. One way of looking at the invention which is the subject of this article is to consider that the long wave signals are brought down to the lower wave-lengths where the full advantages of beat reception, as regards selectivity, are obtained. The lower the level to which we bring the incoming signals, the more selective does heterodyne reception become.

APPLICATION TO LOW FREQUENCIES

So far, the application of the method to high-frequency signals only is described. The principle, however, is just as applicable to audio frequencies as to radio frequencies. The author's experiments in this direction have fully borne out theoretical expectations, and two signals having a note frequency imperceptibly different have been entirely separated in such a way that one of the frequencies is entirely suppressed.

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not be obtained, or even approached, by any other method which has hitherto been pro-posed. Its significance, of course, is that note tuning becomes a reality; almost the whole of the selective apparatus may be concentrated on the low-frequency side of a wireless receiver. When receiving continuous waves, even the slightest differences between two sets of continuous oscillations will produce different beat notes with a local heterodyne. These will give rise to slightly different audio frequencies which would series to state the state of the stat ously interfere with each other and entirely prevent the selective reception of a desired signal.

Where existing methods cannot differentiate between signals of slightly differing pitch, it is possible by this invention to magnify their difference to such an extent 24

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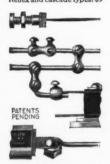
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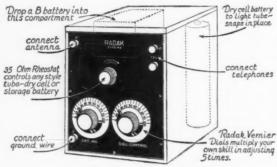
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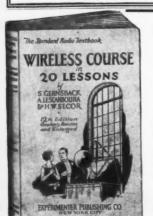
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The original audio-frequency signals have their frequency stepped-up by means of harmonic producing, or other frequency-multiplying apparatus, to a radio frequency which should preferably be well above the audible limit. These radio-frequency currents may now be selectively received by the aid of tuned high-frequency circuits and then com-bined with local radio-frequency continuous oscillations. These local oscillations are produced by a heterodyne, beats being produced These local oscillations are pro-All the advantages of high-frequency tuned circuits and beat reception are thereby obtained, and whereas the original difference in frequency might be only 100 (barely perceptible) the final difference in frequency might be 10,000, a frequency which would enable the interfering signals to be cut out entirely

Fig. 3 shows a theoretical wireless receiving system in which the invention is applied to the low-frequency currents. The high-frequency signals are rectified by the crystal Trequency signats are rectined by the crystal D producing audio-frequency currents through T_i , due to the fact that a local oscillator H_1 induces continuous oscillations into the aerial circuit of a frequency slightly different from that of the desired signals. The currents of musical frequency passing through T1 are then applied by means of the transformer T₁ T₂ to the frequency multi-plier F M, in the output circuit of which we have a circuit L₂ C₂ tuned to a mul-tiple of the desired audio-frequency currents passing through T₁. The circuit L₁ C₂ will be a radio-frequency circuit, and the frequency of the currents in L₂ C₂ should preferably be above the audible limit. The circuit L3 C3 is tuned to the same frequency, and by loosely coupling L2 to L3 a certain amount of resonance selectivity is obtained. The principal method of obtaining the selectivity, however, is by the induction of local cillations produced by a second heterodyne but nations produced by a second neterodyne H_2 tuned to produce currents having a frequency differing by, say, 1,000 from the currents in L_3 C_3 . The beats of about 1,000 frequency are now detected by the valve V and produce a musical note in T. The beats produced by the interaction of the local oscillations supplied by H₂ and the undesired signals of multiplied frequency are arranged to be above or below the audible limit so as not to interfere with the desired signals.

A COMBINED HIGH- AND LOW-FRE-QUENCY SELECTIVE SYSTEM

It is, of course, convenient to apply the invention to both the high- and low-frequency sides of a wireless receiver, and Fig. 4 shows a simplified arrangement illustrating the different stages in the reception of continuous waves by this system. It will be seen that the first frequency multiplier FM. is for the purpose of increasing the frequency of the original oscillations. The oscillations of multiplied frequency are then heterodyned by H₁ and detected by the tube V₁, producing musical low-frequency cur-The output currents from the tube , which will be of musical frequency, although, of course, it is not necessary that this should actually be so, are communicated to the second frequency multiplier F M2; the frequency is once more stepped-up so as to reach above the audible limit and the currents are selectively received by the aid of loose coupled circuits and the second heterodyne H2, which enables a musical note to be obtained in the telephones.

THE APPARATUS EMPLOYED

It is not possible within the scope of this article to deal with the various practical circuits for achieving the desired results. The method of obtaining the multiplied frequency is not, of course, an essential part of the basic invention. Vacuum tubes, operated under special conditions, have been found

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suitable for producing harmonics or merely for doubling the input frequency. If har-monics are used, a considerable factor of multiplication may be obtained.

Fig. 5 indicates how the invention might be applied to the reception of incoming waves. The tube V1 is operated at, say, saturation point, so as to produce harmonics in its output circuit L₂ C₂, which is tuned to one of these harmonics. The tube V₂ is a self-heterodyne receiver which then receives the desired harmonic and treats it as the signal to be received

The present paper is only intended as an outline of the new system, and at some future date it is hoped to give further technical details

THE MINIMIZATION OF ATMOSPHERIC INTERFERENCE

The system of reception lends itself particularly to the elimination, or rather mini-mization, of atmospherics. While this is prob-ably, at the present date, the most important advantage of the system, yet it is men-tioned at this stage of the article because this process of atmospheric elimination is essentially one of selectivity. The application of the method of frequency multiplication to the low-frequency side of a receiving circuit will automatically cut out all, or most, of the atmospherics, owing to the fact that most atmospherics have lower frequencies than the heterodyne notes due to desired signals. Unless their frequency exactly corresponds with the heterodyne note, the process of frequency multiplication and resonance, combined with further heterodyning, will eliminate the atmospheric interference.

By the application of the method to the high-frequency side of the receiving appara-tus, the effect of atmospherics may also be minimized by causing them to produce oscillations (for example, by the impact excitation of a detuned circuit) different from the incoming continuous waves. Frequency multi plication increases the divergence between the two different signals, and in any case cur-rents of the wave-form of atmospherics will not readily produce effective harmonics.

*A reproduction of a paper read before the British Association for the advance-ment of science at Liverpool on September 19, 1923.

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Vienna is the world's center of musical appreciation. I stood through a two-and-a-half hour concert by the Vienna Manner-choir, where the audience had about as much freedom of movement as cigars in a sealed box. There was not a cough nor a sneeze nor a shuffle during any part of any number, except once when a man fainted in the aisle and had to be carried out. Nobody noticed him except the two men who did the heavy

If radio can give opera to folks who have been starved for food and music, can let the populace hear Jeritza and other worldfamous Austrian stars who come home when America goes to the seashore, antennae will grow like spider webs over night. erage Austrian will go without food or even without beer rather than forego the pleasure of music.

Radio Broadcasting Proving Great Aid to Music Industry

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if there are some particular numbers you are very fond of, it is a very easy matter to get out the records and play them to your heart's content. And, mind you, there is no repetition of selections on the radio. The selection is played but once from the broadcasting studio and you have no voice the matier, unless you happen to live in the immediate vicinity of the station and then it is quite probable that you will not be able to get them in time to have them repeat the selection.

I was interested in obtaining the other fellow's side of the story, so I distributed 25 questionnaires (like the sample shown here These were sent to individuals owning both a radio receiver and a phonograph. The results are very encouraging and, in the meantime, I learned that I was correct in my own belief that radio broadcasting is materially assisting the music industry.

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You can play what you want when you want it. You can play a selection as often as you desire. Weather conditions play no part in its operation.

Question No. 5—Radio helps the music business, 95 per cent. Not positive yet, 5 per cent. Total 100 per cent.

These questionnaires point clearly in favor of the music industry. Fifty per cent claim the phonograph most valuable because of the fact that it can be relied upon 100 per They pointed out the fact that one could not actually guarantee a concert on the radio (at the present time) but that the reception of a good concert depended entirely on the weather conditions and that we have absolutely no control over the weather.

Even though a great majority claimed the phonograph most valuable, 70 per cent of them denoted their preference for the radio set. They enjoy the operation of the set and the tuning in of the distant stations. "There is a mystical agent hidden in the radio set" as one man puts it.

According to some big men in the musical industry (as yet opposed to radio broad-casting), the United Fruit Company ought to file claim at once for damages against the house that published the song, "Yes, We Have No Bananas." This "suggestion" about bananas will be conveyed to every nook and corner of the globe and it is quite probable that the sale of bananas will increase materially. In fact, I would not be a bit surprised to learn that some one high up in the fruit business had this song published. It sounds logical.

I do not believe it is necessary to go further into this matter to prove how materially radio broadcasting is assisting the music peo ple, and it is gratifying to know that a great majority of them have already felt its beneficial influence in their business. The few who have not as yet been convinced, will make the important discovery before long and we will have their support as well.

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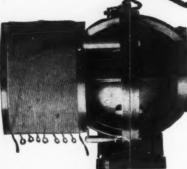
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Radioizing the Country School

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over. Market reports, lectures on cattle diseases sent out from the State Agricultural School, talks by well-known men, and all that kind of thing. Just yesterday the kids came home with the news about the trouble in Turkey; got it over the wire from some station in Denver. Next thing they'll be bringing in the President's messages.

"We get most of that stuff at home—you know I've got a set there that I use to pick up the daily reports sent out from the Denver markets. But I haven't got the time to fool away getting hooked in for these concerts. The wife's getting so she can tune in, however, and she'll soon be taking her evening concerts as nice as you please. And then my oldest boy is getting big enough to fool with the instruments and occasionally picks up something worth listening to.

"But over at school the professor knows a lot about the set and is having fine luck. He spent a couple of days before school opened getting the instruments all lined up and learning their habits. Now he knows them well enough to get about what he wants out of them."

I talked with Andy for nearly an hour,

I talked with Andy for nearly an hour, he continuing in his enthusiastic fashion and bubbling over as few of the ranchmen are prone to bubble. Most of them are staid and reserved. So is Andy, under ordinary circumstances. But I had struck a responsive chord in his make-up, and he just couldn't keep from being enthusiastic.

"They're using the apparatus in half a dozen ways. In their physics class they use it for experimenting and for demonstrating a lot of things about electricity and the like. The domestic science teacher says she is getting a lot of new recipes from the broadcasting stations. They get the standard time from the air every day. And those youngsters who live where they don't have receiving sets are given the weather reports and the market conditions whenever they want them"

The next day I saw the professor, a young chap from a Middle Western college, who is spending a few years teaching in order to get enough money to go East and study law. He was a star football man in college, and is the big, husky type to whom the Westerners' hearts soon warm up. Ward was his name, Jim Ward.

"Mr. Ward," I asked him, "what do you think of this stunt of putting radio in the school?"

the school?"
"Great!" His judgment was the same as the State Superintendent's. "Twe never seen a thing which took the youngsters like this, either. They are as interested in it as the parents—and in this section that's saying a lot, for the parents regard their schools as a part of their

Ward was interested in radio in college, in the passing way that many are interested in it, and took the trouble to learn the intricacies of receiving the material broadcast from the stations. So when the school board asked for a principal of schools who could handle a radio receiving set Ward was all fixed to qualify for the job. He got it without argument.

"Mr. McComb probably told you how we are using the apparatus," he went on in his genial manner. "We have been

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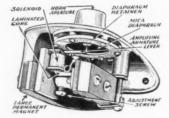
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"But now—you couldn't keep those kids away with anything short of pneumonia, and they'd come then if they could get out of the house. They will do anything for us—you know I have three other teachers under me—if we only promise them a concert or a radio lecture before we close for the day."

We went in the building to the radio room, a small ante-room which was at one time a cubby-hole for brooms and dust-rags—and there Ward gave me a treat such as I've experienced in few places. Thirty miles from a railway town, in the midst of a cattle country so sparsely settled that at night one can see less than five lights from the school house, we two sat and listened to solos and duets broadcast from the FitzSimmons Hospital in Denver, to an evening fairy story for children, to weather forecasts for the following day, and to the closing reports from the Denver and Kansas City markets.

When the program was over, and it was getting dark outside we got up from the instruments and came back to a realization of the plains and school house and the range cattle. Ward stretched himself and looked through the window at the long shadows from the mountains to the west.

"You know," he started speaking with a far-away, dreaming attitude, "sometimes I think the youngsters of this generation don't know just what they have in their hands. You and I went to a country school, walked miles to get there and after we got there sat on a broken old bench and shivered beside a cracked old stove fed with cow chips. We had a cold lunch at noon, had to be content with one teacher for a dozen youngsters scattered through eight grades, and left home at dawn and didn't get home till dark.

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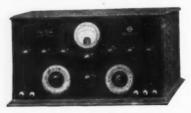
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An Inductance-Capacity Bridge

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Throw anti-capacity switch to "Cap" side, and throw D.P.D.T. switch to "A.C." If the condenser being measured is of smaller capacity than the standard variable one, throw the ratio arm switch to the "A" side, otherwise to the "B" side. Next adjust the resistance box until a minimum of sound is heard in the receivers; then turn the variable standard condenser until a sharp minimum is obtained. Obtain this capacity value of the standard variable condenser from the calibra-tion curve, and if the ratio arm is at "B" multiply this capacity by the number of ohms in the resistance box at this set-ting. If the ratio arm is at "A" divide the capacitance of the standard by the number of ohms in the resistance box. This gives the value of the capacitance being measured.

To measure inductances, connect A.C. (buzzer), D.C. (2 or 3 volts), phones, resistance box, and a small portable galvanometer to their respective binding posts. Connect the inductance to be measured to the posts marked "Lx". (See measured to the posts marked "Lx". (See Fig. 6). Throw anti-capacity switch to "IND" side, D.P.D.T. switch to "D.C" side, and throw upper right hand D.C. switch "ON" (Fig. 6). Adjust the resistance box, throwing ratio arm switch to "A" or "B" (to be determined by experiment) until there is no deflection of the galvanometer, showing that a direct current balance has been obtained. See "Theory" above). Now throw D.P.D.T. switch to "A.C." side leaving resistance box alone for the rest of the measurements. Adjust inductance ratio arm switches (top-center of Fig. 6) until a minimum of sound is heard in the phones Now turn the standard inductance until a sharp minimum is heard; read this inductance value of the variometer from its calibration curve and apply the formula to be found in the "Theory" above, where to be found in the Theory above, where L_i refers to the unknown inductance, L_i to the standard variometer, and R_i R_i refer to the right and left hand inductive ratio arm resistances respectively in Fig. The unknown inductance is derived from this formula.

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standard. The values of the main inductance, rotor, untuned primary, and load-

ing coil are given in the table.

It is of course possible to obtain values of fixed inductances and capacities as well as variable ones. As an example, the capacity of a "Ducon" antenna plug condenser is given. This plug consists of two mica condensers, one on each side of the lighting circuit. It is seen from the table that these condensers are each about the size of an ordinary grid condenser. The capacitance of a tapped blocking condenser is also given in the next table. This table gives also the dielectric loss resistance and the tangent of the angle of phase displacement. The phase difference in radio condensers should not exceed 2 degrees, and it is seen from the table that this condenser is well within these limits. The author will explain in

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8.00	25	40 50		01.4	500	274
9.50	30 35	60		13.5	600 700	334
10.95	40	70		01.0	800	394
12.00	45	80		58.0	900	454
13.50	50	90		14.0	1000	514
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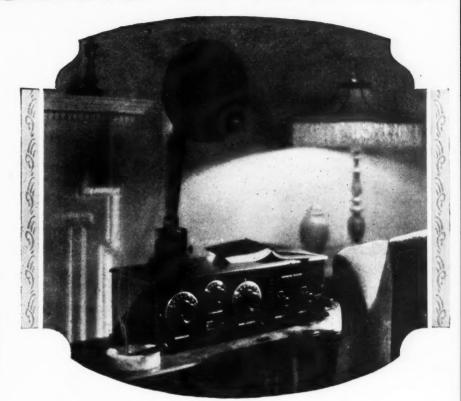
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detail in his next paper how to obtain this equivalent series or dielectric loss resistance, and also how to get the phase difference, the "effective" high frequency resistance, impedance of radio frequency circuits, time constant of inductances, dis-tributed capacity, and the wave-length range covered by inductances and capacitances.

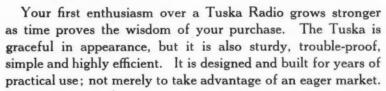
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culty in making inductance and capacity measurements similar to these tables, and by so doing will be able to design his radio instruments scientifically.

Correspondence from Readers

(Continued from page 1108)

LESS JAZZ

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

I have been a constant reader of RADIO News from the beginning. Also a "Radio-phan." After reading Mr. George Niemi's letter, "Attention Announcers," I will say that I certainly agree with him. I myself have listened equally as long many times

for an announcement of a station with the same results he points out. The Chicago Board of Trade Station, WDAP, is the best station in the United States today, and should be congratulated, as they make it a point to announce their station even during the shortest intermission I travel quite a lot, and in the music. wherever I go the sentiment seems to be the Too much jazz and singing. There same. are today thousands of people who love

the old-time music but turn away from the loud speaker as soon as the jazz comes in. There are thousands of good old-time songs and instrumental numbers that would be appreciated far more than this jazz. One can tune in any night and 90 per cent of the music is jazz. Station WBAP, at Fort Worth, Texas, I believe, is the most popular station in the United States simply because they have a splendid station, and an announcer who gives the radio listeners what they want, namely, good old-time mu-The state of Texas should be proud of this station. And when the rest of the broadcast stations take pattern from WBAP, radio will be much more popular as well as beneficial. Therefore, I say, give us the old-time music and less songs and jazz. Give the older people a chance to enjoy radio as well as the younger ones. I would like to hear what others have to say regarding

> H. S. STAUER, Winnett, Mont.

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Editor, RADIO NEWS:

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In the December issue there appeared an article about making the receiving set simple to operate. While this article is true, I think the first thing to be done toward the betterment of radio is to remove the

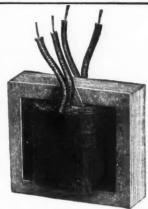
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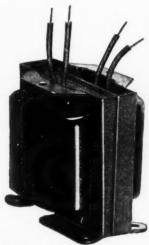
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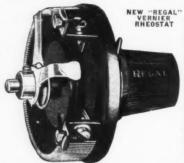
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commercial stations to a higher wave-length so there will not be any interference with broadcasting. If radio is to become as common as the telephone, the people will want sets that they can go to at any time and pick up a concert clear and distinct and pick up a concert clear and distinct and listen to it until the broadcasting station signs off. It is almost impossible to listen to a station that is located over 200 or 300 miles without being interfered with. I think this is a big stone in the way of progress. The people will get disgusted with radio. It is not the amateurs who are interfering, It is not the amateurs who are intertering, but the commercial stations, and the sooner the people realize this and cease condemning the amateur the better off they will be. I am a BCL and I know that the amateurs are our friends, not enemies. If a person has ever tuned in a station and has had some commercial station come pounding in, he will know what I mean. At any hour in the evening one can hear these stations. I think this is unfair to the listener-in. It should be regulated, as radio is now accepted as a necessity in the home.

G. R. Scott, 2245 Campbell Park, Chicago, Ill.

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A CAMEL THAT WOULD WALK A MILE FOR RADIO NEWS

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

I am forwarding herewith a photograph details of my "nutshell" wireless. and details of my

and details of my "nutshell" wireless.

Perhaps I should say a word or two about us antipodeans and the "craze." It has caught on, and badly at that. Five years ago there was no such thing as a wireless shop in Sydney; now we have 14 dealers, besides numerous electrical houses which sides numerous electrical houses which carry radio as a side line. The same applies to publications. A few years back one had practically to file a petition to secure a copy of a wireless journal. At that time one could



Radio in a Nutshell.

pass it on a dozen times at a profit. Now one sees Radio News at every bookstall, and in every country town.

I recall a little incident that may be of

interest to your readers.

I am continually traveling, and a few months ago I was at a place called Bourke, where camel transport is a feature. One day while strolling around a transport camp, my attention was attracted by a slight compared to the strolling around a transport camp. motion, in which an irate driver and a camel were the leading characters. The camel, placid as usual, was calmly chewing and surveying the man, who, holding a torn maga-zine in one hand, was shaking the other at

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tion of Firpo-Willard fight was clear and loud. Then later WGY came in with came in with some fine music and next week's program. Copied most of program.

Of course, these weren't the "three feet from phones" kind of signals, but were from phones" kind of signals, but were clear and loud enough to make no mistake. They were not steady, but would fade for a few seconds at times

Stations on waves below 400 meters are easiest to hear at sea, as some ship is always jamming you when above 400. Also music can be enjoyed when you can get practically

on sound of the voice.

On the night of Sept. 17 we were about 365 miles S. E. of Genoa, Italy; I listened in a few moments before turning in. Static m a few moments before turning in. State was crashing, but I heard a station which I think was WGY at 8:07 P. M., E. S. T., playing a flute solo. At 8:13 P. M., E. S. T., a piano solo and at 8:30 P. M., E. S. T., started on a speech.

I wonder how many commercial ops find NAA tube set N. G. Power seems to vary and at a distance, with bulb oscillating (to copy by C.W.) it's impossible to copy. Bad enough to have some of the strikers (?) practice on you, but added together make you want to hang the phones up.

L. J. PEEK, S. S. West Elcasco.

IN A NUT-SHELL

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

It appears that Mr. W. W. Brackenridge and Mr. G. W. Lewis both need a little assistance in their discussion of single and triple circuit receiving sets.

In the December issue Mr. Lewis signs In the December issue Mr. Lewis signs off by saying, "Yours for the abolition of the re-radiating circuit receiver." Since when, may I ask, is a double or triple circuit receiver a non-radiating receiver??? You can send very nearly as far and cause just as much trouble with a triple circuit receiver when out into a cause just as circuit receiver when put into a state of "oscillation" as you can with a single circuit receiver.

Furthermore, the novice is liable to get the three circuit into a state of "oscillation" more often than when using the simplified single circuit receiver. Remember, Mr. Lewis, that the Armstrong

patent covers regeneration, amplified radio frequency only and not "oscillation." point on the tickler or plate variometer where the circuit is just about to spill over is Armstrong's property, and when properly employed, does not cause re-radiation or distortion.

Down here in New Orleans, triple, four

and five circuit tuners are of no avail through the Naval station.

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E. T. Jones,

864 Roosevelt Place, New Orleans, La.

A SIMPLIFIED REGENERATOR

Editor, RADIO NEWS:

In the March number of RADIO NEWS there appeared an article by H. L. Peterson entitled, "A Simplified Regenerator," in which was described a modification of the Ultra-Audion Circuit.

I would like to add, for the benefit of those who have built this set, that a 43-plate condenser shunted across the antenna circuit from aerial to ground connections will greatly sharpen the tuning and strengthen reception. A variable grid leak will also be of benefit. Using a tuning coil of 80 turns, wound upon a tube 4 inches in diameter, the whole broadcasting range may be easily tuned in, and if two stages of audio frequency amplification are added, the volume of sound received is sufficient to operate an or-

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1732 250 1.200- 3.500 73 1.30
1734 460 2.000- 5.000 77 1.31
1734 460 2.000- 5.000 1.7
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1736 1.000 7.000- 1.000 1.27 1.58
1737 750 6.001- 0.000 1.27 1.58
1738 1.000 7.000- 15.000 1.27 1.58
1738 1.000 7.000- 15.000 1.27 2.58
1738 1.000 7.000- 15.000 1.27 2.58
1738 1.000 7.000- 15.000 1.27 2.38
1738 1.000 7.000- 15.000 1.27 2.39
1739 1.250 9.750- 19.500 1.87 2.39
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Getting the Right Radio Wave

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to be capable of selecting one particular wave frequency while at the same time excluding all others. To do this requires in the receiver a selectivity or frequency-sense far more highly developed than would be desirable in our ears. A selective radio receiving set corresponds quite closely to a human ear that can hear only one note. Such highly selective ears would be no good to any of us. We could not hear music or even satisfactory speech if we had them. We would hear nothing but the one note to which our ears were able to respond. We would, however, hear that note and hear it clearly even though the air around us were full of other sounds.

Selectivity of that kind is exactly what

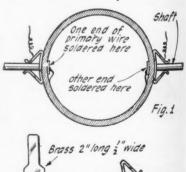
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Fortunately, it is not very hard to arrange a radio receiver so it will be quite highly selective, and the next talk of the series will deal with the way that can be done.

A Good Spring Contact

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the inside winding or secondary coil so that I could turn it through 360 degrees, if necessary, was a problem. In the old arrangement I had, the wires were continually breaking. The arrangement I used is shown in the accompanying sketch, consisting of a small piece of sheet brass with a hole in the cen-





Details of the Spring Contact for Variometers and Variocouplers

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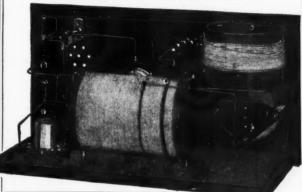
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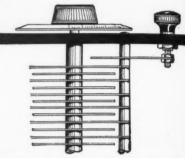
ter of a size that will fit over the shaft of the instrument. After it has been inserted, the two ends are bent so as to make a firm contact with the shaft proper.

Contributed by James Barr.

A SIMPLE VERNIER ATTACH. MENT

Here is a vernier that can be added to the variable condenser of your set very easily.

Drill a hole in the panel near the condenser and mount an old switch lever (I have used a long shank binding post) after breaking



A Vernier Attachment Made of An Extra Con-denser Plate Controlled by a Separate Knob.

off the blade. Cut and drill a piece of alum-inum (as per the sketch) and fasten it to the switch post so the plate will slide between the panel and the stationary plate of the condenser. Fasten a lead from the switch to the rotary plates of the condenser.

Contributed by R. J. Harris.

Results of Our \$300 Radio Music Contest

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my knowledge has never before been attempted.

Some time ago the idea was conceived to test the possibility of promoting and popularizing a given piece of music entirely by radio, instead of through the ordinary channels of advertising and promotion.

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anything but successful. This all evolves from the late united efforts of the music publishers and authors to ban the use of their copyrighted compositions for broadcasting purposes, claiming that such use is detrimental to sales. They liken this use to the use of a newspapergood for one reading only—claiming that when hundreds of thousands of families hear this music broadcast, these families have no desire to hear those pieces again and just so many thousands of sales have been lost. The fact is, that just so many sales have been created—dependent, of course, upon the quality of the music broad-

"This theory—I should say, unbased theory—is so illogical that further discussion of it is unnecessary. But, for example, when you buy a player piano roll, a phono-graph record or even sheet music, do you use it just once and then discard it to the rubbish heap as you would yesterday's newspaper, or do you play it again and again? So it is with broadcast music—you hear it broadcast and if the melody has pleased you, you buy that piece in one form or

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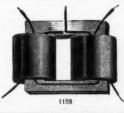
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H. Gernsback, Editor. The judges were almost unanimous in their selection of the two prize winning compositions. You will hear both of these presently. I will not disclose these two numbers, which will be broadcast with four

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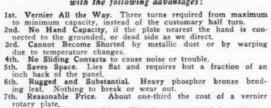
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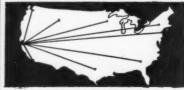
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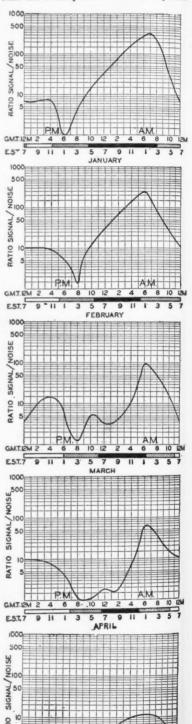
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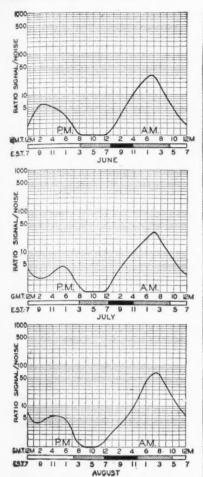
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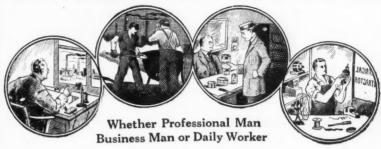
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transmitting and receiving stations, and the method of handling the receiving apparatus. Only by a statistical study in which the results obtained simultaneously at a large number of receiving stations are collected and tabulated, may reliable averages be obtained.

In an attempt to secure some worthwhile statistics of this kind, a co-operative study of radio signal fading was made by the Bureau of Standards and the American Radio Relay League during 1920 and 1921. In these tests from five to ten radio stations transmitted signals in succession on certain nights, according to prearranged schedules. The signals were received simultaneously by about 100 receiving stations whose operators were provided with forms for recording the variations in the intensity of the signals as received.

The paper gives summary tables pointing out possible relationships between weather conditions and the fading and intensity of radio signals and the prevalence of strays or atmsopheric disturbances. On account of the limited number of observations and the large number of factors which influence transmission, the statistical results can be considered as only tentative.

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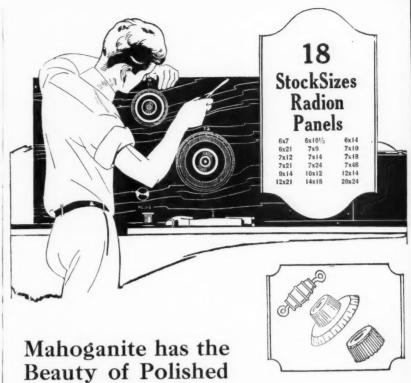
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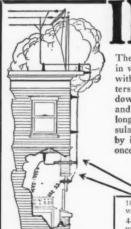
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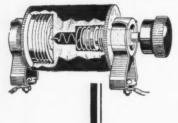
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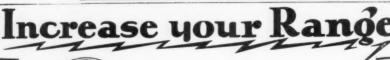
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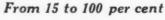
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(4FT), (5GJ), (5MM), 5KN, (5KC), 5LR, 5MA,
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6ACM, 6CDQ, 6CGW, 6ARB, 6BUA, 6XAD,
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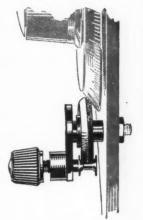
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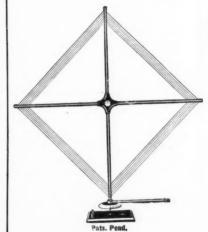


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STATE COLLEGE RECEIVES GIFT OF RADIO PLANT

Through the efforts of Dean Goddard, the New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts is the recipient of the gift of a new radio station. This will include the equipment for constructing a 100-watt transmitter and the building to house it. The station will be utilized for experimental purposes and amateur relay work under the Government license of 5XD. It will be separate and entirely distinct from the present radio house and its equipment, which will then be used solely for broadcasting service under its present call letters of KOB.

A site east of the engineering department's forge shop and south of the Commercial Building has been selected. This site gives plenty of open space about the building. where a new aerial of the T-cage type can where a new aerial of the 1-cage type can be easily erected. It is planned to support the new aerial from two 60-foot "A" frame towers, spaced 125 feet apart. A counterpoise system of 20 wires is planned. These wires will radiate from the roof of the building in all directions to steel post supports at their outer ends.

The transmitter planned is of the reversed feed-back type, using two 50-watt Radiotron tubes for oscillators. The plate current will be supplied by a Kenotron rectifier and filter system. The materials for this have already been purchased and the set will be constructed by the Radio Club members from designs furnished by Dean Goddard.

THE MILWAUKEE AMATEURS' RADIO CLUB

The technical committee of the Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club, Inc., is one of the busiest as well as the largest in the club. The present large investigating body is found much more practical than the old method of using one member in this capacity. Reports such as "The Relative Efficiencies of Battery Charger Rectifiers," by R. E. Lathrop, 9ATX, former Vice-President of the Waukesha Amateur Radio Club; "An Amateur's Notion of the Heaviside Layer Theory M. H. Doll, 9ALR, West Allis A.R.R.L. City Manager; and "The Remotely Controlled System at Station 9AAP," by M. F. Szukalski, Jr., are typical of this committee's work. Mr. Doll is chairman.

"Magnetism, and Some Original Experi-ments in its Manifestation," was the title of an address given before the society by Rev. John B. Kremer, S.J.,A.M., Professor of Physics and Director of Station WHAD, Marquette University. Father Kremer, known as an eminent physicist, has recently become a deep student of radio communication and has evolved a new microphone for broadcasting stations. Another lecture arranged by the program committee was "Tube Transmitter Design," given by Le Roy M.E. Clausing, 9XN, Operating Engineer at Station WJAZ of the Chicago Radio Laboratory. As a program feature, a contest in defining technical radio terms was held. Great enthusiasm was aroused, the winners being C. R. Griesbacher, 9CYL, and M. H. Doll,

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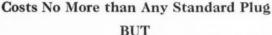
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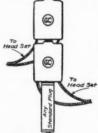
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Under the leadership of F. W. Catel, 9DTK, a most successful membership drive has been put over. From a large group of Milwaukee County non-member amateurs a majority have been induced to join the club and the American Radio Relay League, of which this society is a local section. M. F. Szukalski, Jr., 9AAP, the society's Vice-President, has recently been appointed A.R.R.L. City Manager for Milwaukee and now heads the city's traffic work. An active campaign against spark stations has begun and attempts to mitigate the spark interference to broadcasting, as caused by commercial transmitters on ship stations, are being made, for it is this interference that is most troublesome to local radio fans.

The traffic committee solicits reports of QRM for investigation. All communications to the club should be addressed to its general office, 601 Enterprise Bldg., Milwaukee, Wis. Its officers may be interviewed at the weekly meetings, which are open to the public.

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A Quick Shift Oscillation Transformer

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chine screw, outside of the tube. Some difficulty was encountered in getting the guides in the proper position so that the tubes would slide freely on the bakelite strips. It was found that the easiest way to accomplish this was to slide the tubes over the antenna coil and its supports and then slip the guides down the bakelite strips and secure them in position with the guides on the strips. This gave an accurate alignment and allowed the tubes to slide freely over the antenna coil.

The windings on the plate and grid coils are of rubber covered, 19-strand high-tension wire, which was purchased from an automobile supply house. The windings are placed on the tube as tight and as close together as possible, making the winding neat and smooth. The wire was then marked with a pencil, where the taps were to be



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Leads about 12" long, which allowed ample length to reach any one of the switch points on the face of the coil, were carefully tapped and soldered and the joint finished off by taping with rubber tape making the insulation at the tap equal to that of the rest of the wire. This wire with the taps soldered the wire. This wire with the taps soldered to it was then rewound on the tube and the taps fell exactly in position, as they were marked with the pencil making them stagger so that no two taps lay next to one another to eliminate any danger of insulation breaking down at the joint. The coils were then given a thorough boiling in parafaction before a color beld the withing the color was the color within the color was t fin, which, after cooling, held the windings securely in place. The number of turns on the plate and grid coils had to be determined by experiment for this particular case and cannot be vouched for, to apply to all sets, as the average set does not have to cover as wide a band of waves as is quired of a limited commercial station. However, in this case there are 16 turns on the grid coil, with 12 taps taken off at single turns. From 200 to 360 meters only four points on the switch are used, which means points on the switch are used, which means eight turns, as the first four are not tapped, but it is necessary to cut in all 16 turns to get up on 600 meters. The plate coil in this case has 20 turns, 14 of which are taken off in single turn taps. The switch point readings are four points or eight turns for 200 meters, 10 points or 14 turns for 360 meters. meters and all 20 turns are cut in to get up to 600 meters.

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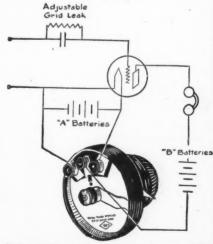
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that the face supporting the switch contact panel is perpendicular and the back of it is cut to fit the outside curve of the tube, and then bolting them to the coils on the space not occupied by the windings. This makes a support to which the bakelite panel is bolted and a switch of the rotary type is built on this bakelite panel. (See diagram.)

The switches are made exactly as we used to make them for the old loose couplers, back in the old days in 1910, except that the spacing between the contact points is a little farther and the switch arm is heavier. The switch points are mounted in the usual way on a bakelite panel and the leads from the coils are carefully soldered to them on the back of the panel. The switch knob is necessarily of good moulded bakelite and not "Mud." as the knob is used to vary the coupling as well as the capacity and if the insulation should break down, one would find he had a whole handful of the real hot styff, so this knob must be of the best insulation obtainable. It is soon learned that the fingers and knuckles must be kept clear of the switch arm and switch contacts during tuning or wave changing with the transmitter in operation, as the hand is right there amongst the HOT STUFF.

Variation of the antenna coil in this case is obtained by a single pole double throw switch, but where a greater number of variations are desired, it can be easily worked out by incorporating a rotary switch on one of the end blocks the same as on the plate and grid coils, with a lead running from each switch point to a different clip on the antenna coil. The position of the clips once determined by a wave-meter are not altered, but are brought out with separate leads to switch points on the end supports, using the heavy rubber covered high tension cable from clip to switch point. It then becomes an easy matter to refer to the recorded setting and with a simple twist of the wrist set the antenna coil to any desired wave. Another twist of the wrist and the grid and plate coils are in resonance and the deed is done and the wave is where it was intended

Of course, all switch points must be numbered so that in recording the settings it is an easy matter to return to that setting. This saves counting the switch points as I did at first, and also tends to make the wave changes more rapid. The method for re-cording the coupling setting and being able to return to it in a jiffy was worked out by simply placing an engraved bakelite strip on the face of the "Hootnamy" under the shoulders supporting the rotary switches, so that this strip also helps to support the grid and plate coils and the supporting shoulders act as pointers on the scale, making it possible to tell at a glance what the coupling is, or setting to a recorded coupling.

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Radio Reception In the **Grand Canyon**

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trous earthquake occurring in Japan. other bit of news, not disconcerting but pleasurable, was the report that the Wash-ington baseball club had won a game. Bedtime stories, news events, concerts and the variety of items included in a broadcast program were received nightly in the canyon, or wherever the party happened to be, from KHJ, the station at Los Angeles. Also, all communications dispatched by the Washington office of the Geological Survey were transmitted to Los Angeles, thence to the exploring party by radio. Messages from exploring party by radio. Messages from stations located in Salt Lake City and Colorado Springs were also received.

No attempt was made to install radio equipment on the boats as they were plunged here and there at the mercy of the swift The compact radio outfit, weighing a little over 25 pounds, was enclosed in a water-tight compartment of the "Grand," one of the four boats used on the expedition. That this arrangement was necessary and useful is proven by the fact that the boat overturned, and, despite its submersion for half an hour, the cameras and radio apparatus were dry and ready for immediate use.

The official report says: "The party left

lee's Ferry August 1, and camped that night at the head of Badger Creek rapids, seven and one-half miles below Lee's Ferry. Here the radio set was tried out, and in spite of adverse prophecies, some of them widely or adverse proprieces, some of them widely circulated in print, to the effect that a radio set could get nothing in the depths of the canyon, KHJ, at Los Angeles, was heard plainly, although the canyon here is narrow and nearly a thousand feet deep. From this point on down the canyon the radio outfit was set up from place to place and received messages from Los Angeles, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, and on one occasion, from Colorado Springs."

The antenna used was ordinarily 100 feet high, consisting of a single wire stretched up the incline of a rock, the wire being insuby a string. The wire was grounded in water, this method giving better results than when the wire was submerged in moist soil. No extra batteries were included in the radio equipment. Two head telephone sets were used. The longest distance over which any communication was received within the canyon was that covered by the news of the death of President Harding, approximately 600 miles. Atmospheric disturbances were annoying during August owing to the severe thunderstorms, but at no time was static so intense that the messages broadcast from Los Angeles could not be read at night. Even in an environment where boats were tossed about like corks on huge waves, the radio receiving set in its water-tight compartment was unimpaired and, when installed, remained the one link between the explorers and civilization.

The Warning

(Continued from page 1070)

"I wish I could do something to repay you for all your kindness,' he whispered, but I'm signing off for good, I think. Bury me at sea-there's no one ashore who cares, anyway. My warning came true; I was sure—'That's as far as he got; Sparks was dead." An odd silence came over the little dining saloon of the Lone Star, each of the three officers seeming lost in thought. Suddenly

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There was but a tiny crescent of a moon outside, but the stars were quite brilliant, except off our starboard quarter, where a low lying cloud bank seemed to blot out their cold, remote radiance. I filled my lungs with the fresh salt air, enjoying its grateful tang, tilted back my head and inhaled great breaths of the invigorating atmosphere in an unconscious effort to clear my brain of the cobwebs of fancy with which the talk around the supper table had obscured my mental vision.

The wind had freshened considerably, and even as I watched, the blot in the west seemed to extend itself, swallowing up the stars one by one, like some great monster from the nether regions creeping up over the

horizon, intent upon devouring the heavens. The thought brought back to me the weird tales that the remarks in the dining saloon had suggested to my mind, and once more the icy finger of fear sent a cold shudder, that I could not repress, tingling down my back. Somehow, away from land and solid things the Supernatural seems more real; the vastness of the ocean, the immensity of space, make it easier to believe; one's "credo" is enlarged surprisingly by contact with the sea.

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Tiring of this I picked up a novel I had started to read earlier in the day. With my phones still clamped to my ears I tried to interest myself in the adventures of some heart-broken Easterner who was attempting to find solace in the wide-open spaces of the Northwest. Somehow, my mind refused to attach itself to the book, and continued dwelling upon the conversation of the supper table. At last I threw the book under the operating table in disgust, and gave myself up to the weird thoughts that somehow seemed to possess me.

Outside, the wind was still rising. I could hear, even with my phones on, the whistling of the blast as it tore around the unprotected corners of the radio cabin, and could feel the thudding might of the waves as they struck the sides of the empty tanker. The rattling of the static was increasing slowly but steadily.

I started to whistle, and broke off in the middle of a note. Suddenly an overwhelming consciousness of the presence of somebody or something in the room struck me with a force that was almost physical in its intensity. I could feel eyes boring into the back of my head, hands reaching toward me. There seemed to be a dank, cold breath from the secret depths of the occan fanning my cheek. I glanced hurriedly, nervously, involuntarily behind me into the soft black shadows. Nothing, and yet the dominating "presence" was stronger than ever in the room.

"Bill," I told myself, "you'll have to snap out of this, and snap out of it quickly! It's nothing in the world but your imagination—" Suddenly the static which had been crashing unremittingly in my receivers died down almost to silence. Instinctively I looked toward my receiver to see if a connection had broken or a bulb had burned out. Nothing was wrong; I knew that, for any experienced operator knows the sound of a "live" set. Yet the sudden cessation of the static was unaccountable on any other basis. Again, and stronger than before, I seemed to feel the "Presence" in the room, but I kept my eyes glued to the operating panel, and refused to give way to my fancy.

Suddenly my scalp tickled and I could feel my hair rising on my head. The blood drained from my face, my eyes strained in their sockets—was I dreaming or mad, or did

The tuning dial of my set was turning; slowly, carefully, smoothly, turning to a higher wave; turning as though the hand of an experienced operator grasped the knob, exploring the ether for a signal. Up the scale, a slight pause, and then down a bit it turned while I stared with hammering pulses.

The static had ceased utterly; not a sound in my receivers as the dial continued its slow, intelligent, directed movement. Not a sound—and then suddenly a Voice:

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three masts, floats just awashclear, cold tones rang in my mind like the words of a song, over and over again. I tried to convince myself that it was all imag-ination, that the lurching of the ship had moved the dial, and that what I had heard was but a fragment of some ship's radio telephone reporting a menace to navigation. I twirled the dials in a frantic effort to tune in the mysterious Voice again—in vain. Either he had signed off, or—. Was I mad?

For what seemed a century I debated the matter, trying to convince myself that it was merely a coincidence, an accident—anything but what my fevered brain was shouting in its delirium. At last I could stand it no longer; I made my way to the bridge, where I knew the Captain would be taking his evening constitutional.

"Why, what's the matter, Sparks?" he queried, gazing intently into my face. "You're as white as a ghost!"

I laughed as best I could-a poor effortand then I told him just what had happened, expecting—and hoping—that he would laugh me to scorn. When I had finished he looked out over the black, heaving sea in silence for a full minute.

"Sparks," he said at last, "I've seen a lot

Things that licule. They of funny things happen at sea. Thing landsmen would laugh at, and ridicule. may call us superstitious if they like, but—Mr. Burleigh!" he called.

"Sir?" answered the third mate, who had the watch. "Did you call me?"

"Will you put a lookout up in the bow, and give the engine room half speed ahead?"
Mr. Burleigh gave him an odd look, but turned with a brief, "Yes, sir" to execute the command.

Captain Harrison looked out over the sea again, and for several minutes. apparently, was lost in thought. Then he looked at his watch and turned back to me. "Ten five, watch and turned back to me. ship's time," he said, apropos he said, apropos of nothing.

At exactly twelve minutes after ten the lookout sighted the dim bulk of a derelict, the stumps of three masts showing. floated barely awash, and it was only the lookout's keen eyes, our half speed and a wheel hard down that saved us from a ram-ming that would probably have sunk, or at least horribly crippled our ship.
"I wonder," said Captain

said Captain thoughtfully when we were proceeding at full speed once more, "I wonder Do you remember what I told you about the last wish of that other Sparks, who said he would like to do something to show his gratefulness . He did not comgratefulness" He did not complete the sentence; it was not necessary.

I thought of the dial that had turned so slowly, surely-just as a good operator tunes, and I think the captain read my thoughts in my eyes. He smiled, and an odd look swept across his rugged, weathered features

"No Sparks, it doesn't do, always, to laugh at sailors' superstitions. Things are different, somehow, out here." He indicated the wide, barren waste of black water that was

the Atlantic, with a great sweep of his arm.

I nodded, slowly, thoughtfully, and without a word made my way down from the

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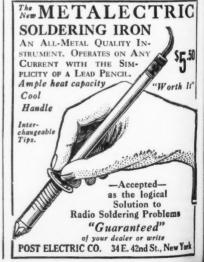
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radio stations are not equipped with compasses, the navigation officer on the dirigible can determine his bearings simply upon the reception of signals with the use of the radio compass.

SIMILAR TO A SHIP RADIO-COMPASS

The system of radio-compass direction finding of the Navy Department now in wide use for guiding vessels through fog or wide use for guiding vessels through rog of thick weather involves the signaling of two or more shore stations. After a ship has picked up signals from two or more trans-mitting stations on shore and carefully noting the exact direction from which they came with the aid of a sensitive variable loop, the vessel plots its own position by noting where the two angles obtained from the land stations cross. Similarly, on the contemplated expedition of the ZR-1 to the North Pole, when its course was in doubt, two or more of the wireless stations in Iceland, Alaska, Greenland or Russia, could be asked for signals. An Arctic explorer is responsible for the observation that the ordinary compass is sluggish in performance in the extreme north; which prompts him to offer the suggestion that radio compasses and radio instruments have the possibilities of accurately defining positions on polar expeditions. These appliances could conclusively establish the claim of an explorer that he had attained the northern pinnacle. Unlike the claim of another would-be discov-erer of the North Pole, the radio compass and other radio instruments do not lend themselves to subterfuge.

THE TRANSMITTING APPARATUS

With respect to radio installation as well as gigantic proportion, the ZR-1 is the Levialham of the air. Radio telegraph facilities are provided for both the transmission and reception of intelligence. Radio telephone signals may be used also. Voice communication will be serviceable in landing the dirigible since a large force is necessary on the landing field to operate the lines which haul the big ship to earth. This operation must be directed by the ship's captain. A standard Navy Department type transmitter, including recent improvements, has been installed. This apparatus, for sending of C.W. and I.C.W. signals, uses six 50-wat vacuum tubes and has an average output of 150 watts to the antenna. The operating wave-lengths are 507, 600, 800 and 975

The antenna employed on this airship is common to the type used on aircraft in general, namely, a trailing wire. In this instance, the antenna is 300 feet long and is reeled up when not in use. The transmitting equipment has been subjected to tests on the bench with a phantom type antenna having the same characteristics as the present trailing wire antenna with the following results: Fundamental wave-length, 315 meters; capacity, 300 micro-microfarads; inductance, 93 microhenries. The resistance ranges through the variable wave-lengths used from 9 to 13 ohms, affording a radiation constant of 5 amperes. A loop antenna will be used when the airship has made a landing. It will be located between the control car on which the radio instruments are installed and the two leading wing cars. This arrangement will facilitate ground communication.

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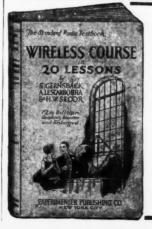
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The radio instruments are installed forward in the control car, shown in one of the accompanying photographs. The radio call letters will be the name of the airship, "ZR-1." The comparatively great height of the antenna-300 feet-should favor long distance work.

Any apparatus liable to sparking is gas tight as a safeguard against danger from spark ignition of any hydrogen-laden atmosphere that might concentrate about t

The Bureau of Aeronautics of the Navy. in contemplation of the expedition of the airship to the North Pole, has tentatively outlined two possible routes for the trip. One suggestion is that the ship follow course directly north from its hangar at Lakehurst, N. J., while the other route sug-gested would involve flying northwesterly to Alaska, using Nome as an advance base. From the latter point, the course would be 1,766 miles, a little over a day's journey by aircraft. The R-34, airship of Great Britain, Frigland in 1919, traversing a distance of 7,000 miles in seven days. A German Zep-7,000 miles in seven days. A German Zeppelin made a cruise of 5,500 miles in four days. The cruising radius of the ZR-1 is approximately 5,000 miles, a factor which lends probability to a Polar expedition.

Navy Ship Sends and Receives Simultaneously

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Two 10-K.W. water-cooled tubes were used for transmitting the trans-continental messages covering a distance of some 3,000 miles on the wave of 1,430 meters. Incidentally, a low wave for this work compared with the 17,120-meter wave ordinarily employed by Annapolis for long distance work on the 500-K.W. arc set.

Standard Naval receiving sets with amplifiers developed by the U. S. Naval Re-

search Laboratory were used in the tests. Naval experts call the attention of broadcasters and listeners-in who say waves assigned to stations are many times too close to each other, to the fact that this vessel transmitted on 1,430 meters and received on 1.300 meters on almost adjacent Regular radio telegraph messages antennae. were used in the tests.

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Melting Metal Without Fire in a Radio Furnace

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pleted furnace is mounted on a table which is also built of heavy asbestos board. This table is 20 by 36 inches in dimensions and stands to a height of 15 inches. The leads stands to a height of 15 inches. The leads from the high-frequency converter are permanently connected to the metal pieces beneath the cover of the table. After the furnace has been placed upon the table, contact is formed with these metal pieces by two metal feet at the base of the furnace box.

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C.W. and Radiophone **Transmitters**

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is to produce a greatly amplified speech voltage which conforms exactly to the variations at the microphone. (The high potential point of this audio frequency voltage is at A in Fig. 1.)

The object of this audio frequency volt-

age is to have it modulate the radio frequency oscillations produced by the oscillator. Let us suppose for an instant that the modulator tube is disconnected from the entire system leaving only the R. F. oscillator with a constant applied plate volt-age. Under such conditions the R. F. osage. Order such conditions the K. F. os-cillations generated are constant in ampli-tude as shown in Fig. 3. The amplitude, A, of the oscillations is proportional to the applied plate voltage. If the effective the applied plate voltage. If the effective voltage on the plate of the oscillator tube changes, the amplitude of the R. F. oscillations also changes. When the modulator is connected in circuit and the microphone is actuated by voice waves, we saw that an alternating audio frequency voltage was generated across the choke coil La. the audio frequency voltage due to the modulator is superimposed on the D. C. plate voltage on the oscillator plate. As a result, the effective voltage on the oscillator plate will be varied by the modulating A. F. voltage. When the modulating audio voltage is positive, it is added to the plate voltage is positive, it is added to the plate voltage, thus increasing the effective voltage on the oscillator plate and increasing the amplitude of the R. F. oscillations. When the modulating audio voltage is negative it is subtracted from the D. C. plate voltage, thus decreasing the effective voltage on the oscillator plate and decreasing the amplitude of the R. F. oscillations. In this way the amplitude of the R. F. oscillations. lations is made to vary directly with the modulating audio voltage, which in turn takes its form from the voice impressions received by the microphone. (Fig. 4.)

The above outlines simply and fully the

real actions which take place in the Heising modulator. Let us go back to the competer circuit of Fig. 1 to ascertain the functions of the different elements and the actual values of the different constants for a practical set. The design constants for the radio frequency oscillator have been given in previous articles. Data for the microphone and telephone transformer have also been given.





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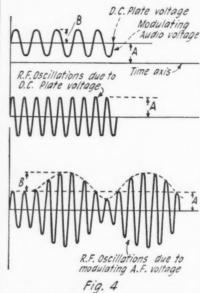
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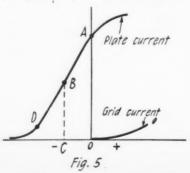


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THE "C" BATTERY

In Fig. 1 it will be seen that a "C" battery is placed in series with the grid circuit to give the grid a negative potential. The "C" battery is always necessary in the modulator tube circuit of the Heising system if bad distortion is to be avoided. The reason for distortion is to be avoided. this precaution will be evident from Fig. 5 which shows the grid voltage-plate current. and grid voltage-grid current characteristic curves. Suppose no negative voltage were applied to the grid. Its mean negative voltage is then zero. If an audio frequency voltage were applied to the grid of the modulator it would oscillate about the mean grid voltage point A as the operating point. effect of this would be two-fold. us consider its effect on the plate voltage. Since the slope of the characteristic curve around point A is different at each point due to its varying curvature equal positive and negative voltages would produce unequal variations in plate current. Thus -1 volt would produce say, a drop of 10 milliamperes



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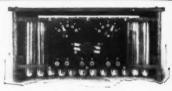
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in plate current, while + 1 volt would produce a rise of only 5 milliamperes in plate For true reproduction of speech current. equal voltage changes should produce equal plate current changes, which does not occur when we are operating with no grid bias. Furthermore when the grid voltage becomes positive there is a flow of grid current, while when the grid voltage is negative there is no flow of grid current. Thus a rectification effect is produced in the grid circuit which introduces still more distortion. The only way to eliminate this distortion is first, to operate on the straight portion of the charactertistic curve so that equal grid voltage changes produce equal plate current changes, and second, to operate on such a point of characteristic that the effective grid voltage is never positive, thus avoiding the flow of grid current, and rectification. This is exgrid current, and rectification. actly the same principle that is used in sup-plying a "C" battery to audio amplifier tubes plying a C battery to addit aduptive titles in receiving sets. Suppose we apply a negative grid potential so that the operating point is moved to point B, Fig. 5. Then it is seen that the characteristic curve is sensibly a straight line on either side of B, hence grid voltage changes will produce equal plate cur-rent changes, eliminating one of the causes for distortion. It will also be seen that if the audio frequency maximum amplitude is not greater than OC, Fig. 5, the effective grid voltage will never be positive, hence no grid current will flow and no rectification with its attendant distortion will be produced. is possible, of course, that the audio frequency voltage at times may exceed the value of OC, thus producing grid current. By increasing the bias on the grid this effect can very easily be eliminated. There is little danger in moving the point of operation back along the line, though care should be taken that too much bias is not used. If the operating point on the characteristic curve is moved to point D, Fig. 5, all possibility of distortion due to grid current rectification is removed but it again introduces distortion due to unequal plate current changes for equal grid voltage variations. It is easily seen that the same effect is caused at point D as at point A. It is therefore essential to adjust by experiment the value of grid bias until best results in speech quality are secured. In connecting the "C" battery it will be observed in Fig. 1 that it is connected to the filament or ground side. Never connect it to the grid as it may introduc: harmful capacity effects, such as shunting high frequencies. Amateurs should make it a rule never to connect apparatus to the grid side of a tube if the connection may just as well be made on the ground side. Conas well be made on the ground side. Considerable trouble will be avoided if this simple rule is followed. The grid is the most sensitive terminal of the vacuum tube and should be disturbed as little as possible.

It is across the audio frequency choke coil. Li, that the audio voltages are developed. Its value should be as great as possible theoretically for best results. Practically, however, it is not possible to make an infinitely large choke coil, but it is not necessary and may be harmful. If it is made too great, its distributed capacity may be so high that it will short circuit or by-pass all the higher speech frequency voltages and thus produce distortion. The reactance of the choke coil should be at least equal to the resistance of the modulator tube at all frequencies in the speech range. This means that if the internal resistance of the tube is 5,000 ohms the reactance of L₁ should be 5,000 ohms at all frequencies. frequencies between approximately 50 cycles and 5,000 cycles. Such a coil would therefore have to have an inductance of 20 henries. For amateur purposes this value is quite satisfactory, though if possible larger inductances (up to 40 or 50 henries) would he better. There would be no advantage gained in exceeding these upper limits.

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Before closing this article a word should be said about the meaning and significance of degree of modulation and its bearing on the quality of radio telephonic transmission. If Fig. 4 is observed carefully it will be seen that the amplitude of the modulated wave varies from a low to a high value, below and above the value of the amplitude when no speech is transmitted. A is the ampliis transmitted. A is the amplitude of the R. F. oscillations when no speech is transmitted, which amplitude is proportional to the D. C. voltage on the plate. B is the amplitude of the audio frequency voltage which modulates the radio frequency. The larger the audio amplitude the greater is the degree of modulation. In fact the ratio of B

is a measure of the percentage of modulation. When B equals A the ratio of B

A

is unity and we have 100 per cent modulation. In this case the amplitude of the radio frequency oscillations varies from 0 to 2A. The advantage of a high degree of modulation is that more power is radiated. In fact the power transmitted is proportional to the product of AB, hence the larger B is, or the greater the degree of modulation, the greater will be the power transmitted.

MODULATION

It might seem, therefore, that it would be desirable to increase the percentage of modulation up to 100 per cent, or even make B greater, thereby increasing the modulation to over 100 per cent, called over-modulation. However, a careful analysis of the problem does not verify this conclusion. We are interested not only in securing maximum possible output from a radio telephone set, but also in transmitting intelligible speech. the speech, which is transmitted, is so badly distorted that it is unintelligible, no matter how large our radiated power is, it will be useless. Quality considerations in the analysis show that if a sound having a frequency of f cycles per second is transmitted then due to the nature of our rectifying detectors, a sound having a frequency of f and 2f cycles per second will be received. In other words, a distortion has been introduced in the nature of a double frequency. For if we transmit a sound of f cycles we want to receive a sound of f cycles and not f and When the number of frequencies 2f cycles. transmitted is very great there will be a great number of double frequencies with considerable distortion. The smaller the double frequency distortion term the smaller will be the distortion.



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Mathematical analysis shows that the value of the double frequency term is directly proportional to the degree of modulation. The greater the degree of modulation the greater is the distortion. Thus we see that high modulation and good quality are not consistent with one another. If you want a high degree of modulation you must sacrifice quality of transmission. On the other hand for good speech transmission you must sacrifice in degree of modulation. Good quality is the prime requisite of a radio telephone station, hence modulation should be kept within limits, 50 per cent being a good average value. The circuit given in Fig. 1 will give good quality and very low modulation generally. In order to obtain good quality with as much modulation as is consistent, it is necessary to build up the audio frequency voltages before modulation. This requires speech amplifiers. In the concluding article of this series, therefore, we will discuss the subject of speech amplifiers for radiophone transmitters, and will take up the general as those employed in broadcast stations.

Remote Control of a High Power Radio Station

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from sudden short circuits or overloads. The plungers of these relays are opposed by the action of a small leather air bellows equipped with a small needle valve. The speed of rise of the plunger is governed by the adjustment of this valve. These relays have made it possible for the operators at the message centers in Washington to use the Arlington transmitter at any time without calling the station operators. When the message centers have finished, the transmit-

ter automatically shuts off.

The detailed operation of these relays may be understood by reference to the wiring diagram (Fig. 2). When the remote control operator presses his hand key, RCO, the relay, R, is operated. When this relay is pulled away from its back contact, current is cut off from the filament delayed time relay, FDTR, which immediately closes its two contacts. One of these two contacts passes current to the primaries of the filament lighting transformers. The filaments light up. The second contact allows current to pass through the coil of the plate delayed time relay, PDTR, and the plunger PDTR is pulled up. This plunger does not come up immediately, being opposed by the air bellows, the needle gap being adjusted for a three-second rise. Only after the conical contact of PDTR is closed can current pass through the plate keying relay PKR and thus permitting voltage to be applied to the plates. Thus three seconds after the keying operator at the message center depresses his key he can hear the Arlington transmitter start. It is usual practice for the keying operator to wear headphones connected to a receiver tuned to the wave of his own sending,

As soon as he hears the transmitter start he can begin his message. As long as the keying operator continues sending messages, the relays FDTR and PDTR will remain in the position for sending because the relay FDTR is also provided with an air bellows and needle valve which prevents the plunger from coming up and opening the contacts for about fifteen seconds. If the remote control operator stops for more than fifteen seconds relay FDTR will open, causing PDTR to open in turn, thus shutting off the filaments and cutting off the plate supply. To start another message he must start his transmitter again by a preliminary depression of his key. Similar



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The Balanced Feed-Back **Power Amplifier**

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stages of amplification. This is accomplished in the circuit shown in Fig. 4. The input of transformer T1 is connected to the input of transformer 11 is connected to the receiving set. The concert is amplified by the push-pull circuit and transferred to the secondary winding of transformer T2. This secondary winding is connected in shown in Fig. 3, and the tubes are operated in parallel to give still further amplification. The concert is reproduced in the loud speaker connected in the Y lead. A "B" battery of 120 volts and a "C" battery of 6 to 12 volts will be found approximately correct. An amplifier of this type is very stable and little difficulty should be experienced in building and operating one

REVERSED ACTION

In Fig. 5 the action is reversed by first operating the two tubes in parallel and then push-pull fashion. The disadvantage of this circuit is that three transformers are required, which not only introduces more distortion, but makes the circuit unstable and difficult to adjust. The transformer and difficult to adjust. The transformer T2 could be eliminated by using a loud talker with a center tap on its winding, but unfortunately there are none on the market today. The advantage of this cir-cuit would be that the tubes are operated push-pull fashion on the last step and would

give a minimum of distortion.

The transformer T3 is an ordinary iron core audio amplifying type, and one of low ratio is preferable. Experience with amplifying transformers shows that those having a low ratio cause less distortion than those having a high ratio. This is one reason why the quality of reproduction from push-pull amplifiers is so good. Many manufacturers simply tap the center windings of their standard transformers and make push-pull transformers of them. This cuts the ratio in

It is difficult to tap a transformer at the exact center of its winding, giving equal values of inductance on each side, but a well balanced push-pull transformer can be easily constructed by assembling two transformer windings, which are exactly alike, on one Such a transformer is shown in the uced photograph. This instrument reproduced photograph. gave excellent results and was made by assembling the two coils on two U-shaped cores which are butted together, the joints occurring inside of the coils. Straight steel strips pass through the center of each coil and core and hold the core together.
For the transformer T1, Fig. 4, two 6:1

ratio coils with their primaries connected in series are recommended. The two secondaries are also connected in series with a connection brought out for the center tap. It is important that the coils are placed on the core, as shown in the illustration, so that the two outside leads of the secondary coils are left free for the grid connections. The two left free for the grid connections.

For the transformer T2, Fig. 4, the two secondaries of the 6:1 ratio coils are connected in parallel and the two primaries in series, with the two inside leads connected together forming the center tap. It may be necessary to reverse the secondary leads to



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obtain best results. Usually the outside leads should connect to the grid.

Although the balanced feed-back system has not been tried out with radio frequency transformers as yet, there is no doubt that it will work, especially on the longer wavelengths. Many modifications of the circuit may be made, such as using one stage of push-pull R.F. amplification, then using the tubes in parallel as a detector, and again as a push-pull A.F. amplifier. It may also be used in conjunction with super-heterodyne

Summarizing the Autoplex

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friends at Frankfort, Kansas. As they were very much interested in radio, I built a set, using this circuit and took it with me. This using this erreta and took a water me. The was my first experience with the hook-up and I was a bit doubtful as to the results I would obtain, especially after I learned that a number of people had been invited over to listen in. To my great surprise, however, the first station picked up was Chicago, Ill.
It came in very clearly through the loud speaker. This was about 7:30 P. M. From that time on we enjoyed the evening immensely, listening to most everything that is broadcast by radio.

During the evening I picked up 27 stations. These were all brought in without amplification, just using the one tube and 90 volts of "B" battery. All stations were brought in over the loud speaker and heard plainly by everyone present. The loud speaker, by the way, was a small sized one. The following is a list of stations that were picked up dur-ing the evening of October 31. WDAP, Chicago, Ill.: WIAZ Chicago

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WDAP, Chicago, Ill.; WJAZ, Chicago, Ill.; KYW, Chicago, Ill.; WGY, Schenectady, N. Y.; WEAU, Sioux City, Iowa; KDKA, Pittsburgh, Penn.; WHB, Kansas City, Mo.; KFI, Los Angeles, Cal.; KHJ, Los Angeles, Cal.; WDAF, Kansas City, Mo.; (call not clear) St. John, Canada; WOS, Jefferson City, Mo.; WMC, Memphis, Tenn.; WTAM, Cleveland, Ohio; WJAX, Cleveland, Ohio; KFKB, Milford, Kansas; WLAG, Minneapolis, Minn.; WFCK, Colorado Springs, Colo.; CFCN, Calgary, Canada; WOAM, Omaha, Neb.; WJAG, Norfolk, Neb.; WSAI, Cincinnati, Ohio; WSB, Atlanta, Ga.

(Signed) C. C. Clancey, 532 Armstrong Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas.

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er.

I am pleased to report on the operation of the new Autoplex circuit which I built in one night.

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(Signed) Dr. C. E. Crawford, 3261/2 West Main Street, Denison, Texas.

The above letters go to show that with the correct equipment and a good antenna or ground system, remarkable results can be ob-It should be remembered that lumped capacity in the circuit is a detriment to its efficient operation. A lump capacity shunted across the large honeycomb active situation across the large money-coil will lower the frequency of this unit and thus increase its natural wave-length, but at the same time will increase the cir-cuit noises considerably. If capacities of a cuit noises considerably. If capacities of a value of approximately .00025 mfd. are connected across the variometers, the circuit will fail to oscillate at radio frequency and will thus make the receiver practically use-The reason for this peculiarity is that the capacities provide a by-pass for the radio





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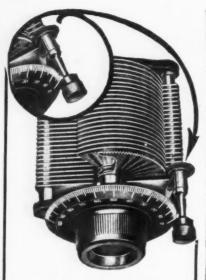
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frequency currents around the variometers. It is easily understood then that variometers having a high distributed capacity of their own will not be as effective in the circuit as variometers designed to have as little distributed capacity as possible.

In numerous cases, people have obtained long distance reception with the Autoplex, but have been unable to eliminate circuit noises. The following letters should be of interest in this instance.

Dear Sir:

I have constructed the Autoplex circuit described in the November issue of Radio News. After using it for several nights, I can say that with the exception of one thing t is a very efficient circuit. All stations re-ceived have come in loudly and distance seems to make no difference. I could get all of them about as well with ground alone, aerial alone or both. With a loop aerial I was able to receive some stations louder than when employing an outside aerial and ground

The one trouble was noise. It is a very loud sort of rushing sound that spoils the reception. I also noticed some body capacity effect. I am using two variometers, 1250 turn honeycomb coil and a UV-201A tube. The following is the list of stations that were re-

Pittsburgh, Pa.; Newark, N. J.: Daven-port, Iowa; St. Louis, Mo.; Kansas City, Kansas; Louisville, Ky.; Wapaka, Wis.; Zion City, Ill.; Peoria, Ill.; Jefferson City, Mo.; Los Angeles, Cal.

(Signed) L. A. Tomlin, 222 West Market Street Havana, Ill.

I recently built an Autoplex receiver and although I am experiencing a bit of trouble with it, I have had some very good results. Following is a list of stations I have heard during the past week, using four feet of bell wire running from a water pipe to the an-

with the world of the world of the winding post.

WIY, WOR, WHN, KDKA, WSAI, WDAP, WGR, WMH, WJAX, WNAC, WSB, WAAN.

I am employing a 1,250 honeycomb coil, UV-201A vacuum tube and a 90-volt "B"

The trouble I am experiencing consists of some circuit noises; in some cases, I can hardly hear a station because of this.

(Signed) E. A. MacDonald, 602 East 36th Street New York City.

As mentioned in the first part of this article, failure to eliminate circuit noises is usually due to the inexperience of the operator; however, in the above cases it is, no doubt, due either to a run-down "B" battery, the characteristics of the vacuum tube used, or the physical characteristics of the antenna or ground system employed. If the vacuum tube is inclined to oscillate violently, the use of a rheostat in the filament circuit will allow for critical adjustment of the filament temperature and assist in cutting down the circuit noises. A 4½- to 9-volt "C" battery in the grid circuit of the tube is also of great assistance. As explained before, a large capacity introduced across the honeycomb coil will increase circuit noises. Since a capacity exists between the receiving set and the ground and also between the collective agency, connected to the top binding post, and the ground, this represents a shunt capacity across the honeycomb coil. For this reason various aerial and ground systems should be tried, and it is usually best to employ aerials that have small surfaces.

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I have lately constructed the Autoplex receiver as described in the November issue of Radio News, and have obtained excellent

results with same.

I used the hook-up shown on page 657. I received fair results with this, but I could not get a very high wave-length range. Using either a detector (22½ volts on the plate) or an amplifier (45 plate voltage) I received amateur signals very loudly, but I could not receive on a wave-length higher than that of KDKA. In an attempt to increase the wave-length of the set I hooked up a variable condenser across the phones. This did the trick and at the same time I could tune down to the short wave stations. The stations came in very loudly, but body capacity was quite noticeable in the grid variometer.

After I had learned to know the set, I tried one stage of audio frequency on it. That sure was the "berries." I received KDKA and other stations so loudly that they could be heard quite a distance from the phones. The amateurs came in as loud as the

broadcasters.
Well, taking it all in all, it is a pretty good
set and I would recommend it to anyone
who wants an efficient broadcast or amateur
wave receiver.

(Signed) Robert Waffle, 388 Park Avenue, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

Mr. Waffle suggests one way of increasing the wave-length range of the Autoplex receiver. Another method which has proven to be quite satisfactory, is the use of a small vernier variable condenser connected across the grid and plate binding posts of the tube socket. This tends to increase the feed back from plate to the grid as well. If, however, the capacity is too large, the tube will cease to oscillate at radio frequency. The usual type of vernier condenser on the market will suffice for this purpose.

The usual type of vernier condenser on the market will suffice for this purpose.

As to body capacity this is noticeable in any form of regenerative receiving circuit and can usually be eliminated by shielding the panel supporting the instruments or by the use of variometers in which the connections of the rotor coil are not made to the metal shaft. Even though the panel is shielded, body capacity effect is quite noticeable when employing variometers in which the shaft is a portion of the circuit as the hand of the operator and the metal shaft form the two plates of a condenser and the insulating portion of the knob the dielectric. Any change in the position of the operator's hand will naturally vary the capacity.

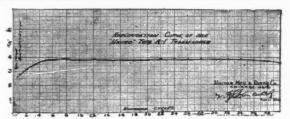
WLAG to be Central Calibrating Station

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been notified that WLAG has been selected by the U. S. Bureau of Standards as the Bureau's "Central" calibrating station.

WLAG was chosen as the result of a series of tests because of its power, central location and capability of being heard on both the Pacific and Atlantic coasts consistently. The Government started the calibrating work December 7, broadcasting standard signals all over the country so the 700 or more sending and hundreds of thousands of receiving stations may check up on their wave-lengths.

The eastern station designated by the Bureau as a calibrating station is KDKA, the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company's station at East Pittsburgh, Pa., which broadcasts to the Pacific coast with the aid of its relay station at Hastings, Neb. WLAG will pick up the Bureau of Standards signals at wave-lengths of 300 to 600 meters and as a single unit will broad-



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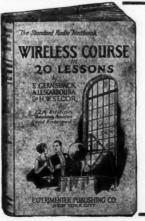


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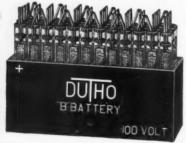
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Radio Trade Notes

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Associations of manufacturers and jobbers are reported busy on standardization work. Radio credits are slowly climbing out of the doubtful class and banks are beginning to recognize the permanency of the trade. Radio has arrived as a business and its growth can be expected to be steady and certain for many years.

The much advertised and rapid selling dry cell tube has not worked the great damage to the sale of wet cell radio batteries that was expected, if the sales records of the leading battery manufacturers of the country can be taken as a guide. A certain type of set will not work successfully or economically on the dry cell tubes, and many radio fans who originally used the dry cell tubes in their sets are changing over to the wet cell type.

The increased sale of the multi-tube set is also another factor that has aided in holding up the sale of the six-volt battery. Wet cell "B" batteries are also growing popular with many set owners. The charger business seems as steady as ever before.

All of this goes to prove that no change in radio apparatus, no matter how radical, can be expected to completely antiquate present apparatus. It will be a matter of several years before the demand for crystal sets will simmer down, according to experts who have gone over the business very carefully, while the six-volt tube seems as permanently established in favor as radio itself.

Fans can take this as an encouraging sign, and it is believed the little bit of history outlined above will greatly increase sales for retailers, as there still remain a great many who are "waiting until it is perfected."

While not properly a trade subject, one of the radio inspectors tells a story about a man who complained about the interference he got on his set every night. The inspector came back with a wail about his automobile. He shaved a man's fender, broke down a in his yard, and almost tore the door

off the garage the first day he drove it. When told that he must learn to operate a car first, the inspector turned the story around for the radio set owner.

The work of the radio inspectors of the United States in policing the air is very important to the trade, and it is hoped every reader of this article will join the movement to secure a greater appropriation for this force as the 53 employees in the field today are not sufficient to adequately perform the necessary police duties.

Statistics recently presented by one of the leading bodies in the electrical field pointed out that radio is today one of the leading lines in the electrical trade. A radio association in turn presented the argument that the electrical trade handles only a small part of the radio business. Radio as a merchandising business, is established today in

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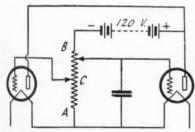
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AN IMPROVEMENT IN SPEECH AMPLIFIERS

By H. A. HANKEY

In order to get distortionless amplification, two things are necessary. Firstly, the tube should be worked on the straight part of its characteristic curve; and secondly there should be no grid current. If the characteristic curve of an R tube is plotted it will be seen that if a low plate voltage of, say, 50 volts is used, the middle point of the straight part of the characteristic will correspond to a grid potential of some 8 volts positive, and that such a voltage causes an appreciable grid current flow. Should, however, the plate voltage be raised to 90 volts, the straight part of the characteristic is brought back approximately to the zero point of grid potential. A still further increase of voltage to 120 will move the middle point of the characteristic to the left, namely to about 3 volts negative. When this has been done, it is possible to put quite a large oscillation potential on the grid without the grid ever becoming positively charged and grid current flowing. This negative potential to the grid is of paramount importance if distortion is to be avoided. Of course it is possible to incorporate a dry cell battery in the grid of an amplifier, but this is not to be relied upon, and is incidentally inconvenient. Certainly it cannot be termed an engineering proposition.

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LEARNING THE CODE By L. C. BYGRADE

T is well worth while for the possessor of a radio set to learn the code. Signals can be received at almost any time, and there is a constant interest and source of amusement in the endeavor to decipher these messages. There have been many systems devised from time to time to reduce the labor involved in learning the code. Merely to take a list of the code signals for the letters and to study it is an insufficient and uninteresting method of attacking the task.

It has often been recommended that a letter and its opposite should be learned at the same time, as for instance, N (— -) is learned as the opposite of A (-—). This is not a good method, as there is quite enough confusion between similar letters, without deliberately associating them.

PREVIOUS METHODS

Another system is to have a sentence beginning with each letter and having long and giming with each letter and having long and short syllables representing the dashes and dots. Q may be given as an example, the sentence being "Queen cakes for sale," the two long, one short and one long syllables representing the sign - - - -Some of the letters have not such good sentences, and when one is told to remember "Xury the boy" for X, and "Just all three fall" for J, it is time to look for something better. any case the method is not satisfactory, as confusion arises, even when the sentence is remembered, regarding the division of the words into short and long syllables.

The alphabet has also been written so that each letter is formed of its sign, and in another arrangement words are used which give the clue to the signal of their initial I do not think the last system has ever been published and it may be of interest to give a few examples. The initial letter does not form part of the sign, and the remaining letters are squat for a dot (such as a, c, m, o, and s) and tall for a dash (such as I, t, k, h, and d). Thus the word for B is Blare (---) D is Dhow (---), H is Harem (---), F is Fists (----) and V is Viand (----





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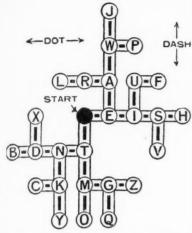
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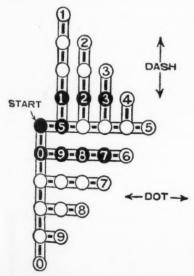
These devices are ingenious, but they all have a common failing, especially for the wireless enthusiast, as the code is learned more from the sending than the receiving point of view. The letter is associated with the sign, instead of the sign being associated with the letter. It is more difficult to learn to receive than to send, and it is therefore better to approach the matter from the standpoint of the incoming signals.

of the incoming signals.

It is always taught that one dot is E, two dots I, three dots S, and four dots are H, whilst T, M and O are a similar set for the dashes, but this is usually as far as the building up process is carried. The diagram shown herewith carries this method to a logical conclusion, and the way each letter is built up can be seen at a glance. Starting from the central black spot each move up or down indicates a dash, and each move to the right or left indicates a dot. For instance, for the signal — - — one move down, two to the left and one up must be taken, thus arriving at X, which is the corresponding letter. By tracing incoming signals in this way it is possible to receive slowly with the aid of the diagram without knowing the code at all.

READING THE SIGNALS

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In order to work up the speed of receiving (and some radio operators do get a move on) it is a great advantage if two people learn at the same time and practice sending to one another. An attempt should be made to send each individual letter fairly fast. with a good pause between each, so that the sound of each letter is learned as a whole, and when the naming of each letter can be done without effort, the pauses should be gradually reduced until high speed sending can be read. Excellent practice can also be had by using the phonograph records sold for that purpose. If a fellow learner, or the records, are not available, tune into some radio telegraph station that is sending almost continually and try to pick out a letter here and there, reducing the intervals after practice until the whole can be read.

There is usually no difficulty in getting spark signals at any time, even on a crystal, if the set can be tuned to 600 meters or so, but if a tube set is used with regeneration, a host of continuous wave stations can be received as well.

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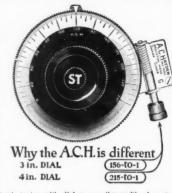
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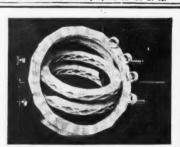
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INTERFERENCE FROM SPARK STATIONS NOT PREVENTABLE AT RECEIVING END, SAYS PROFESSOR HAZELTINE

At a meeting of the Radio Club of America, held at Columbia University on November 23, a report on radio interference was submitted by a committee appointed for that purpose. This included a discussion which is of general interest to radio fans by Pro-fessor Hazeltine, of Stevens Institute of Technology, on the theory of interference. Professor Hazeltine's conclusion is that the nature of the radiation from spark stations makes it scientifically impossible to eliminate even greatly reduce the interference which they cause, no matter what type of receiver is employed or what measures may be taken at the receiving end.

Although we are accustomed to thinking of radio waves as having a single wave-length, or a single frequency, this is not the case. For signaling purposes, whether by telephone or telegraph, the radiating oscillation must be modulated, either by the voice or by a telegraph key, or by a tone source in addition to the key. All such modulation affects the oscillation by introducing components of other frequencies.

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The simplest modulation would be that corresponding to a pure musical tone impressed on a telephone transmitter which controlled the intensity of the radiated oscillation. This gives three frequencies—the original "carrier" frequency and two "side" frequencies. For example, a 300-meter oscillator gives a carrier frequency of 1,000,-000 cycles per second. If this is modulated by a pure tone having a pitch of 1,000 cycles per second, the result will be three waves having the frequencies 999,000, 1,000,000 and 1,001,000 cycles per second. The side frequencies are respectively the sum and the difference of the carrier frequency and the modulation frequency.

If th modulation is by a musical note which is not a simple tone-for example, if it is produced by a note from the violin-it will have a fundamental frequency and harmonics, which are multiple frequencies such as 1,000 for the fundamental and 2,000, 3,000, etc., for the harmonics. In this case there are two side frequencies radiated for each harmonic, such as 998,000 and 1,002,000 cycles, etc., for the second harmonic.

In radio telephone broadcasting musical notes above 5,000 cycles per second are not appreciable; so for a 1,000,000-cycle carrier wave all frequencies will be confined between 995,000 and 1,005,000 cycles per second, the extreme values being of relatively little importance.

In a spark telegraph station, on the other hand, the oscillation is produced in a series of groups and has a duration very small compared with the interval between groups. This is essentially equivalent to modulating a continuous wave by a variation in intensity which rises very rapidly to a maximum, then falls very rapidly, and is sensibly zero for a large portion of the cycle. Such a modulation curve is very rich in high harmonics. If the rate of increase of the oscillation is very high and the decrement is at the legal limit of 0.2, a wave which nominally has the frequency of 1,000,000 cycles will actually consist of waves having frequencies ranging from about 970,000 to 1,030,000 and having almost equal intensities. And in addition it will have waves having frequencies extending down to very low values and up to a few million cycles per second, with intensities which drop off only moderately rapidly.

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quency, giving, therefore, a width of the order of one per cent. This width is quite readily attained in the design of a receiver. A smaller width is suitable for C.W. telegraph reception, but it would result in some distortion in telephone reception. A greater width is useless in telephone reception, and increases interference and atmospheric disturbances

The small width of telephone broadcast frequency bands permits the ready selection between stations, provided one of them is not too powerful. However, the very wide band of the spark telegraph waves makes it absolutely impossible for any receiving method to tune it out. The interference from such a station, as a rule, is not due to its nominal frequency, but rather to a frequency occur-ring in the side bands. Those who have used neutrodyne receivers, for example, have observed that a strong spark station can be tuned in almost anywhere on the dials, providing only that the three dials are set for the same frequencies. When the dials are for different frequencies, usually the spark stations (and also atmospherics) are no longer heard. This is a direct proof that the interference is not caused by the nominal frequency of a spark station, but rather by one of its side frequencies

It cannot be too strongly emphasized that the interference from spark stations is some-thing which scientifically is impossible of climination at the receiving end. It is also impossible of elimination at the transmitting end unless the rate of building up and dying out of the spark oscillation can be slowed down to correspond with the rates of amplitude variation in modulated continuous Such a result, however, has not waves. been attained by any form of spark oscil-lator. The solution of the problem of interference from transmitting stations, therefore, must be the substitution of continuous wave for spark transmitters. The pure continuous wave is by far the most preferable, as the modulation is at a low rate, corresponding to the keying. Modulated continuous waves, however, are not likely to be objectionable if the modulation is not abrupt in character.

HOOVER URGES GOVERNMENT RADIO POLICY AND LAWS

Reiterating his plea for radio legislation made last year, Secretary of Commerce Hoover explains the present radio situation in his annual report and urges Congress to designate someone to handle radio regulation.

"The rapid growth of radio communication make necessary an affirmative declara-tion by Congress of a governmental policy along whose lines radio is to be conducted, and the empowering of some agency to carry that policy into effect," the Secretary states. 'This can only be done through an officer with discretionary powers and under regulations made by him to carry out the general terms of the law," he adds, commanding the matter to the attention of Congress.

Work of revising and simplifying the White Bill, which passed the House last session, is known to be under way, and Secretary Hoover believes no opposition will be found when the new bill is presented. Radio regulation is now under his direction and it is known that Mr. Hoover is greatly interested in its development.

The report states that facilities for the enforcement of the present law are wholly in-adequate. There are some 25,000 stations now sending radio messages within our country or along our coasts. The law requires the inspection of all these stations, and if this inspection is to be sufficiently efficient to accomplish results in the character of checking equipment and preventing interference it must be performed with reasonable fre-

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quency. To inspect these 25,000 stations the department now has a total of 29 men, all that can be employed within the limits of the appropriation. Obviously, under such conditions effective inspection is impossible.

"To perform satisfactorily the constantly increasing duties in this branch of the servincreasing duties in this branch of the service, it is essential that a larger appropriation be provided." Mr. Hoover points out. "Such work as the inspection of ship stations for the safety of life, the inspection of broadcast stations to prevent interference, and the inspection of amateur stations to prevent interference with the broadcast listeners and with commercial and ship stations, are some of the important duties which should not be neglected.'

In order to secure the most successful and extended use of radio in the future, legislative action along lines recommended to Congress last year is essential, the report continues. It is becoming more difficult each year to apply the existing law of 1912 to services which not only did not exist, but were not contemplated at the time the law was formulated. For the purpose of considering what should be done from an administrative point of view to lessen the amount of interference in radio broadcasting, the Secretary called a second radio conference which met in Washington on March 20 last. As far as practicable, the recommendations offered by the conferees have been put into effect with encouraging results. Much interference has been eliminated through these improvements.

Of the many services performed by radio, unquestionably the Marine Service is the most valuable, since it is employed as a lifesaving device to summon aid in the event of an accident at sea. The radio inspectors of the Department of Commerce are required to give first consideration to the inspection of radio installations on American and foreign vessels clearing from our ports. ing the fiscal year 1923 there were 11,298 such clearances and 6,936 inspections, as compared with 10,240 clearances and 6,071 inspections in 1922. The number of inspections should be increased, it is shown, but to do this, additional men are needed at ports not now covered.

PERMANENCY IN BROADCASTING SEEN

Radio broadcasting continues to hold the interest of the public in this country and is to a limited extent gaining recognition in other countries. The United States had 573 broadcasting stations on June 30, as compared with 382 a year ago. In foreign countries there are but 61, Canada having 30 of these

The permanency of this means of disseminating news, entertainment and instruction seems assured, according to officials. It is not reasonable to expect a continuation of the rapid growth of broadcasting stations. Improved apparatus, greater care in providing high-class programs and closer supervision by the radio inspection service to minimize the interference should, however, guarantee a continued growth in the audience.

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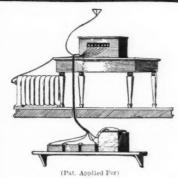
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There is no abatement in amateur activity. according to the Secretary's report. number of licensed amateur transmitting stations increased from 15,504 in 1922 to 16,570 on June 30, 1923. Serious effort is being made by the amateurs to improve their apparatus so as to reduce interference and increase the efficiency of their stations. Annually these experimenters conduct trans-Atlantic tests with European amateurs. The last test was in December, 1922, when 315 were successful in getting their signals across to Great Britain, France and Switzerland.

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SMOKE CONSUMERS CAUSE INTERFERENCE

Radio fans have complained about practically every kind of interference, but lately a new form of electrical emissions making local radio reception difficult has been called to the attention of the radio officials of the Department of Commerce. Complaints against plants using the Cottrell electrical smoke precipitation system have come from fans in Pennsylvania, Arizona and Montana.

Several letters received state that the factories using this high-frequency method of consuming and purifying smoke cause elec-trical disturbances which interfere with regular radio messages and broadcasting within a radius of about 20 miles. A very noticeable hum is sent out into the atmosphere by the precipitation. There is no law against interference from this sort of inadvertent transmission, and the Department of Com-merce has merely called the attention of the offending plants to the disturbance they were creating.

Steps taken by a company to prevent the hum in their Arizona plant have been satisfactory, it is said, and other plant owners have expressed a willingness to clear the air for the radio fans. A method of grounding or shielding the electric equipment is understood to be under investigation.

Literally the plants using this form of smoke consumer are benefiting all their territory, since they are clearing the air of injurious and poisonous gases, soot and other objectionable matter, even if they do create a slight electric discharge similar to the hum of a motor generator.

RADIO JUMPS MOUNTAIN

Radio is being used successfully in India to send messages over a mountain 15,000 feet in height. Previously, considerable difficulty was found in wire communication due to heavy snowdrifts and storms which severed the lines. This achievement has been effected between the cities of Srinagar and Jammu, in Kashmir. Other installations have been effected or are planned in Bhopal, Gwalior, Hyderabad and Rejkot, by Mar-coni engineers, Trade Commissioner Spof-ford reports to the United States Government from Calcutta.

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SOME RADIO DEVELOPMENTS IN 1923

By JOHN LISTON

Important improvements in vacuum tubes for radio purposes marked developments in 1923. These were mostly in the direction of increased efficiency of operation and a general betterment of electrical characteristics.

It is also interesting to note that during the year there was started in regular production a new tube of the highest power so far standardized, and also the smallest tube requiring the least power expenditure in the filament that has so far been made available to the public for radio receiving sets.

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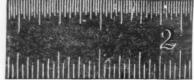
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Another set was made by combining the same detector amplifier unit with a threestage radio frequency amplifier unit to make a set suitable for use with loop aerial. This set is very simple in operation, there being but one tuning control, the variable condenser in parallel with the tuning loop.

New component parts were added to the lire of standardized parts already available for use by amateurs and those desirous of constructing their own sets. The principal additions included sockets and rheostats for the new low filament current radiotrons as well as adapters for using these tubes in the sockets originally supplied in many sets.

A loud speaker was developed for use as an addition to sets not already equipped with one. It is very sensitive and reproduces signals with clear quality, and a single adjust ment is provided for the diaphragm, which gives good operating efficiency over a considerable range of signal intensities.

Early in the year, the requirements for receivers took on a new aspect. Portable and self-contained receivers had become possible, due to the new tube developments, and these suddenly were widely demanded. The these suddenly were widely demanded. receiver designed to meet this need utilizes a single-circuit regenerative system with a detector and an audio amplifier tube, functioning well over the broadcast range. method of control is exceptionally simple. The telephones and plug are carried in the front cover, while the batteries are in the rear. Having a complete weight of but 18 pounds, the set is made easily portable by the addition of a leather carrying handle.

The small crystal receiver previously standardized was also adapted to meet the changing demand. It is now housed in a wood case, and is fitted with a carrying handle for portability, the telephone being carried in a compartment in the rear cover.

Perhaps the best example of the adaptation of the new radiotrons to a complete receiver is to be found in the self-contained cabinet receiver which utilizes a singlecircuit tuning system with regeneration and has a detector and two audio frequency The batteries are supported inside the cabinet, and the loud speaker is built into The tuning controls, two in number, are easily accessible.

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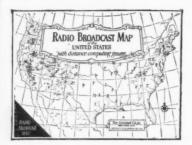
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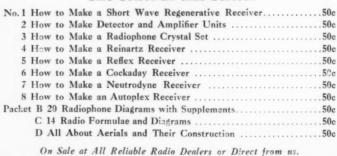


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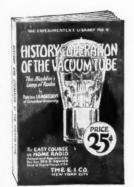








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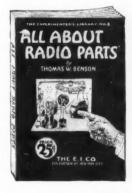
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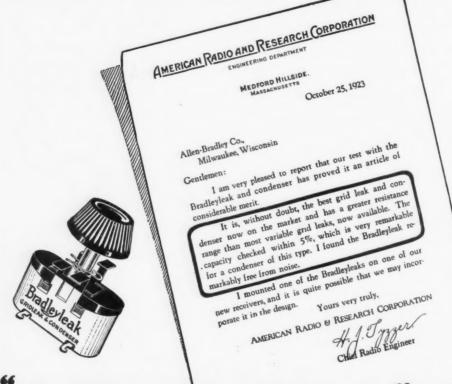


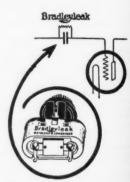
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